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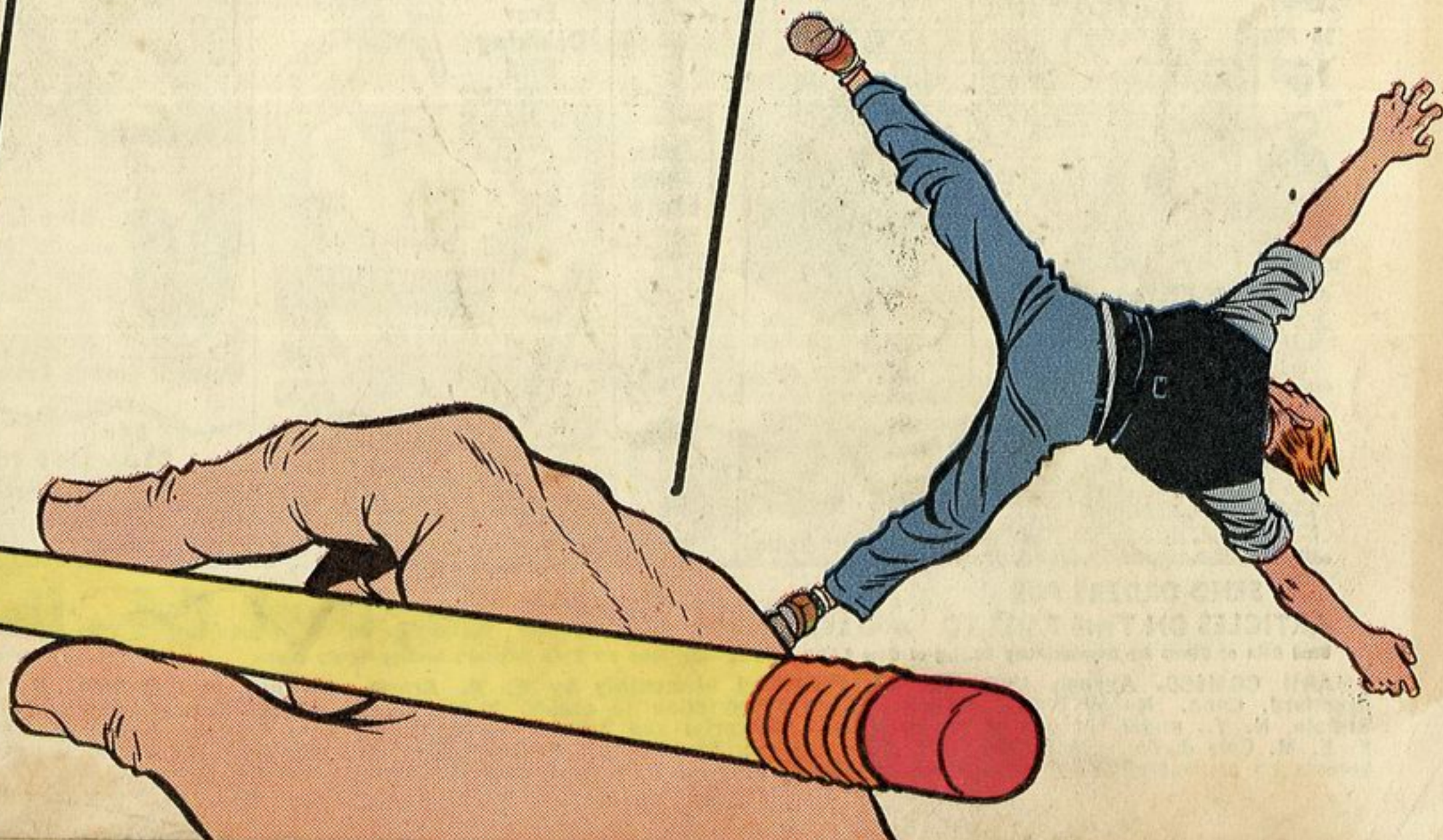
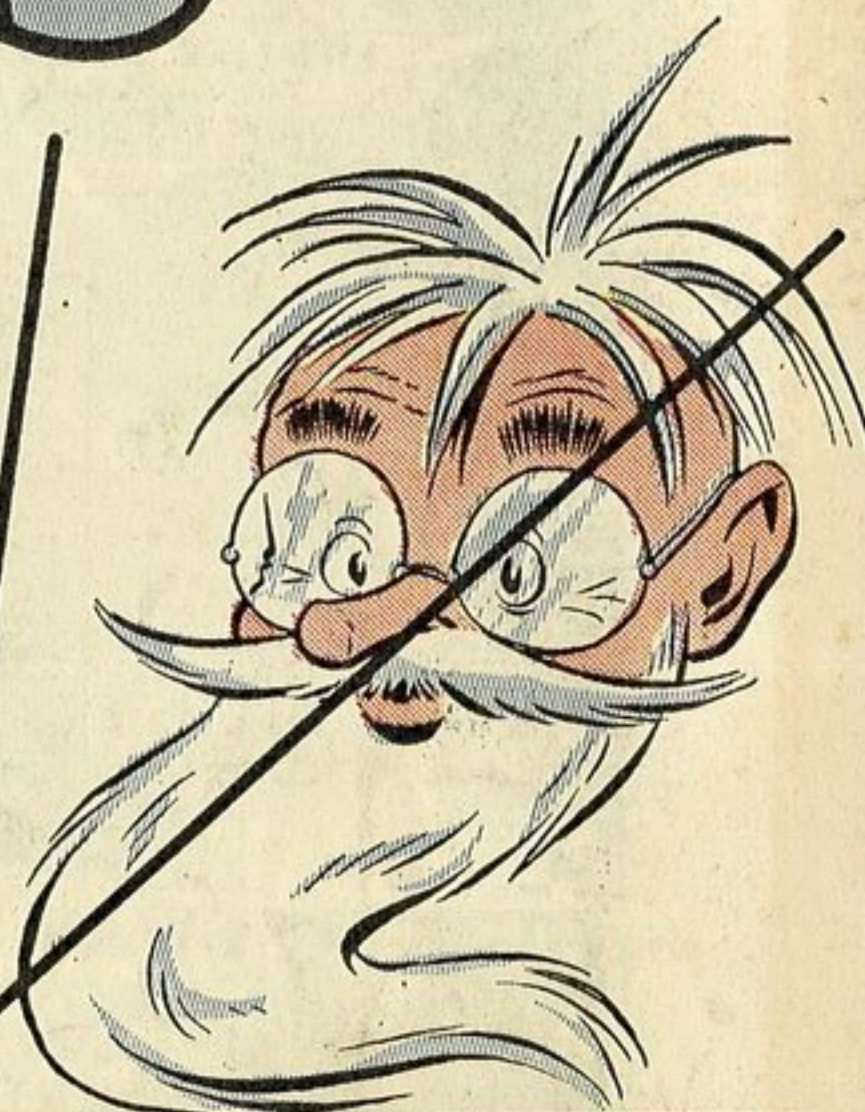
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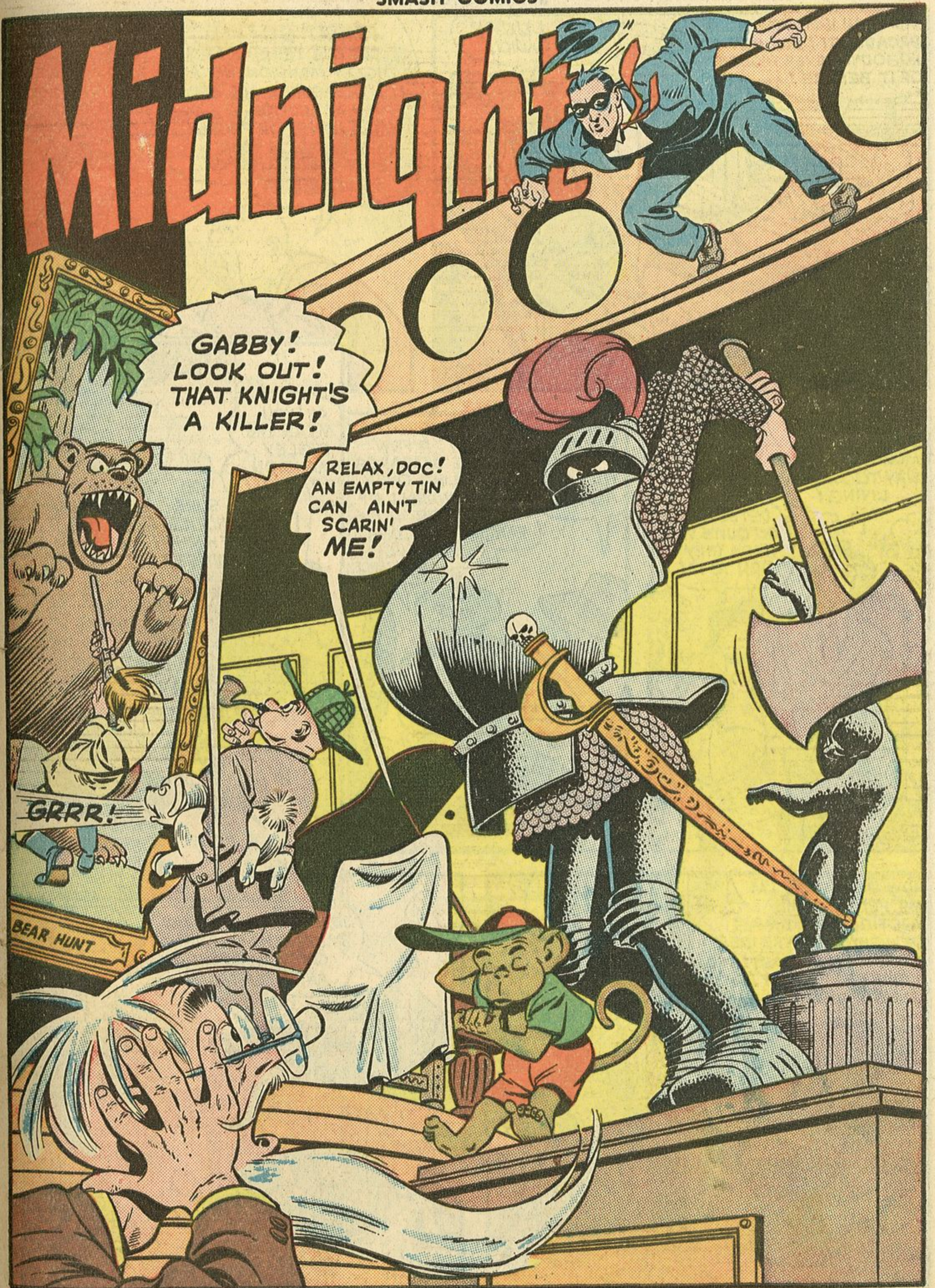
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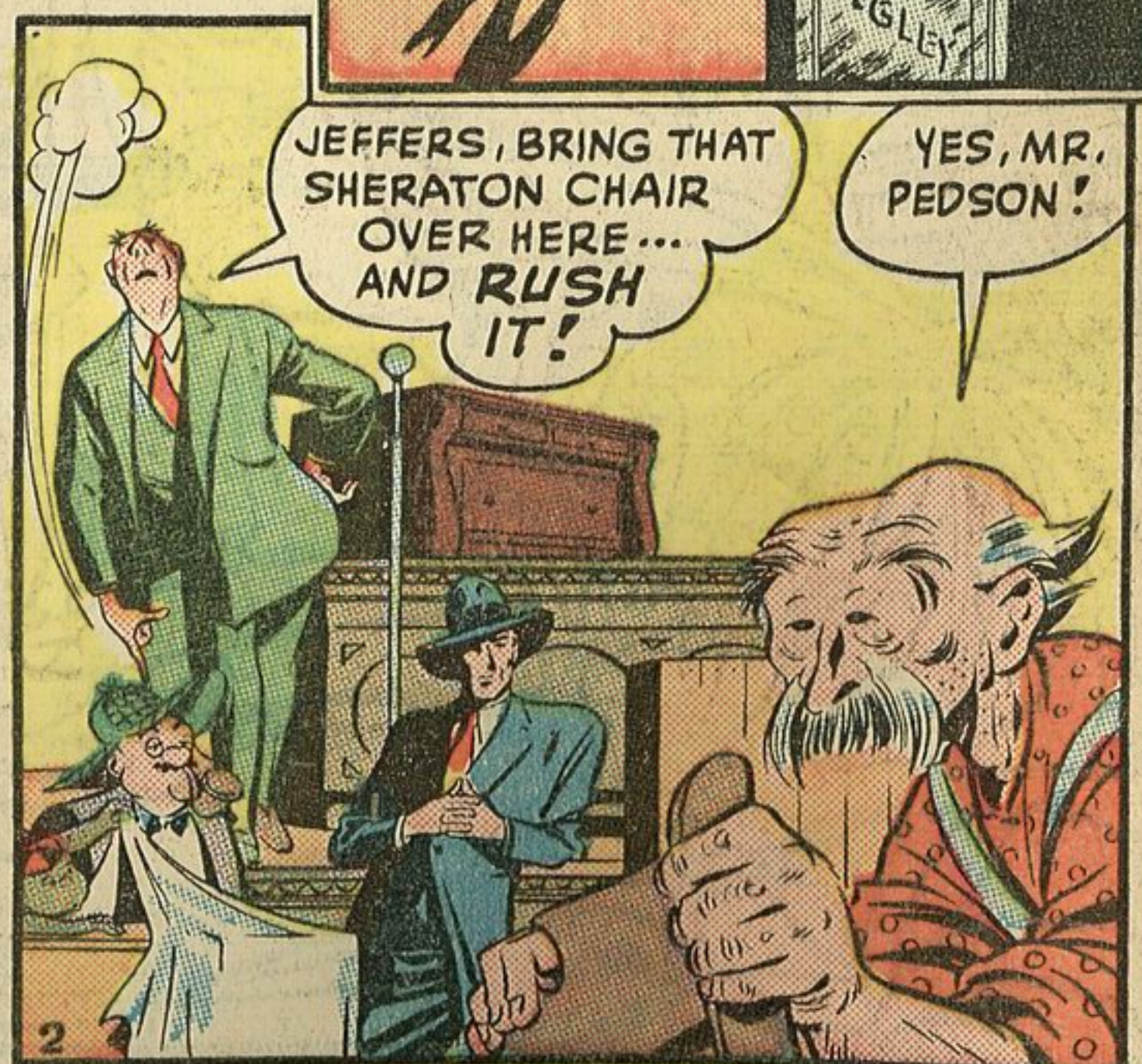
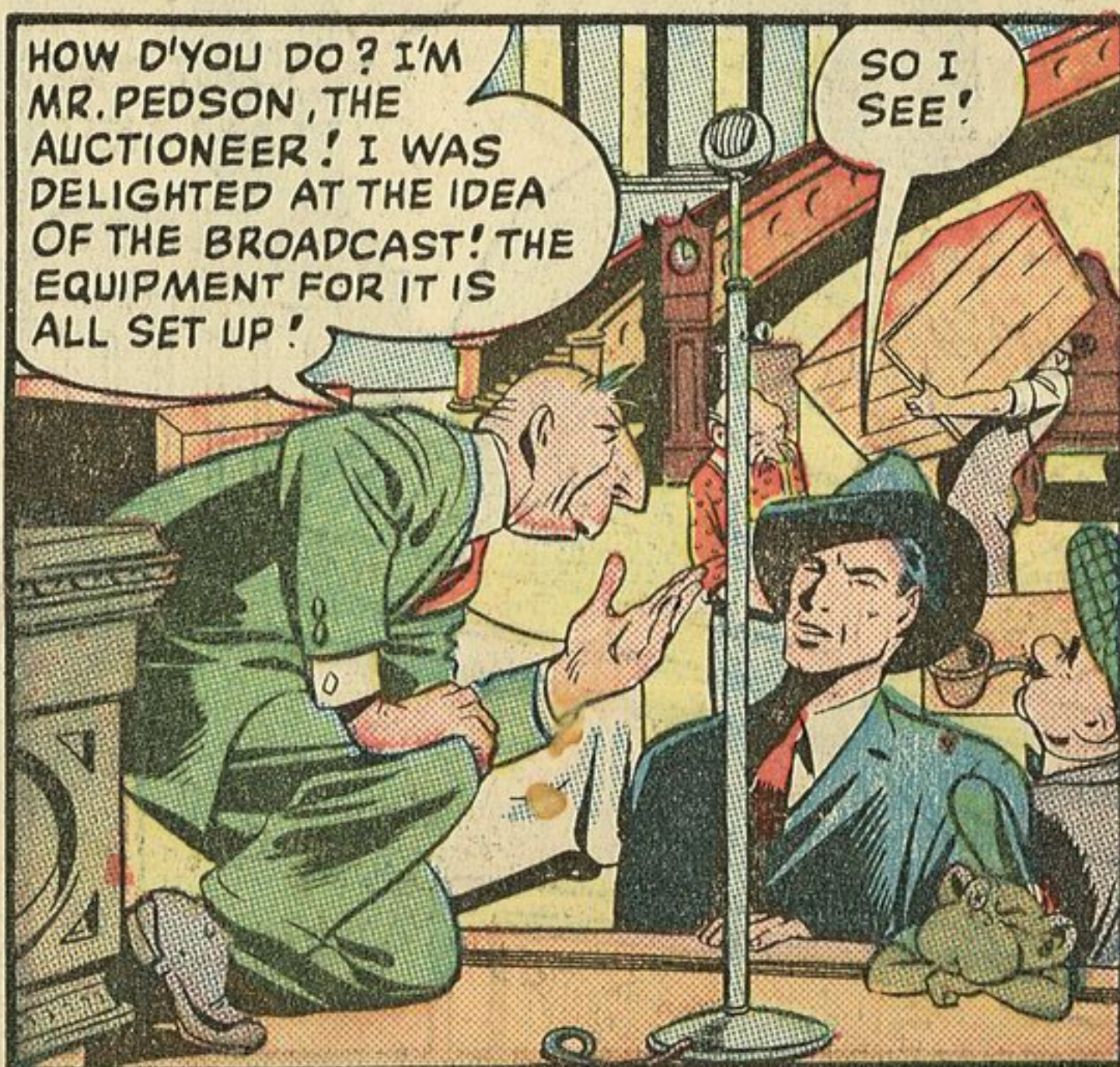
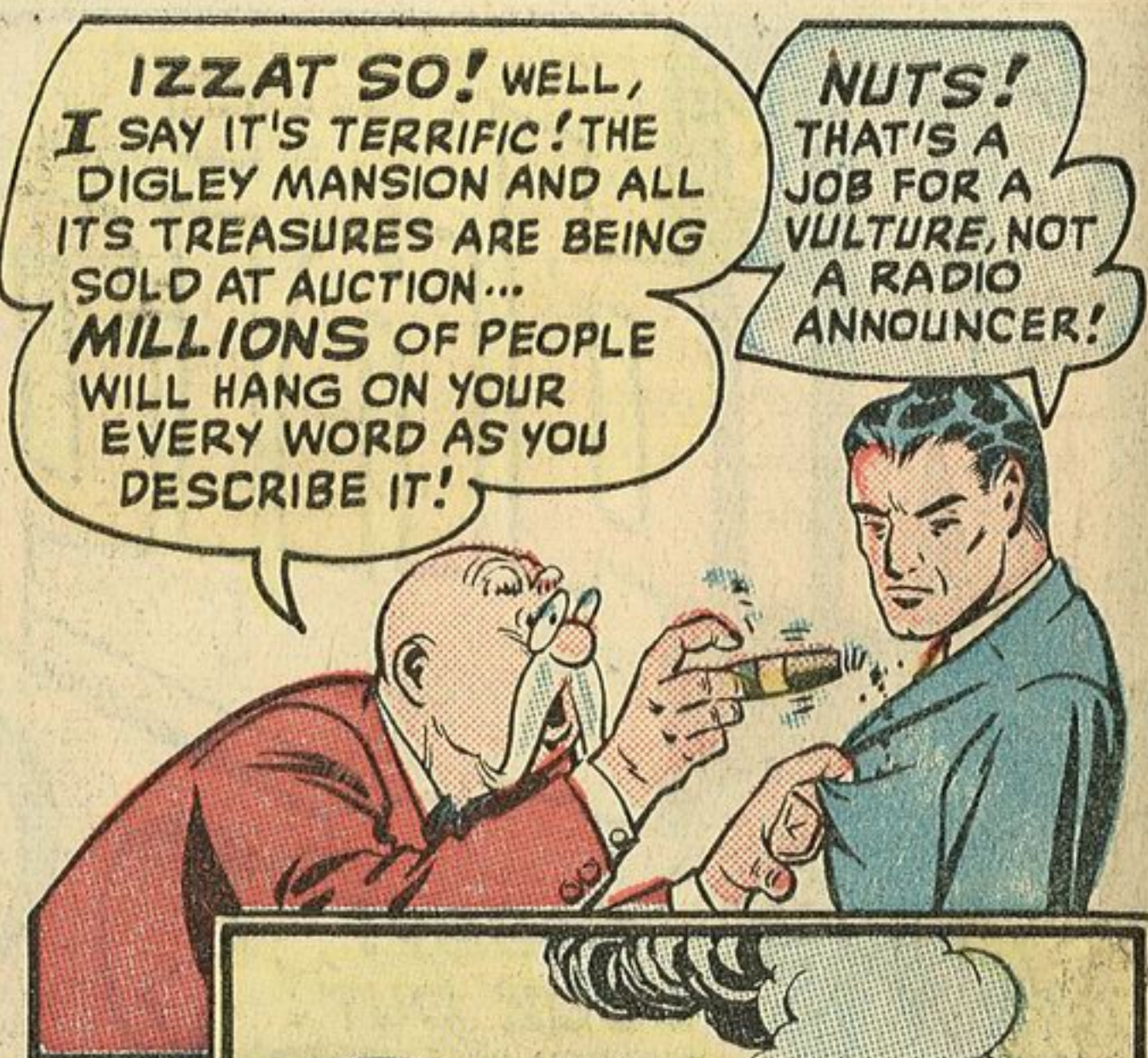
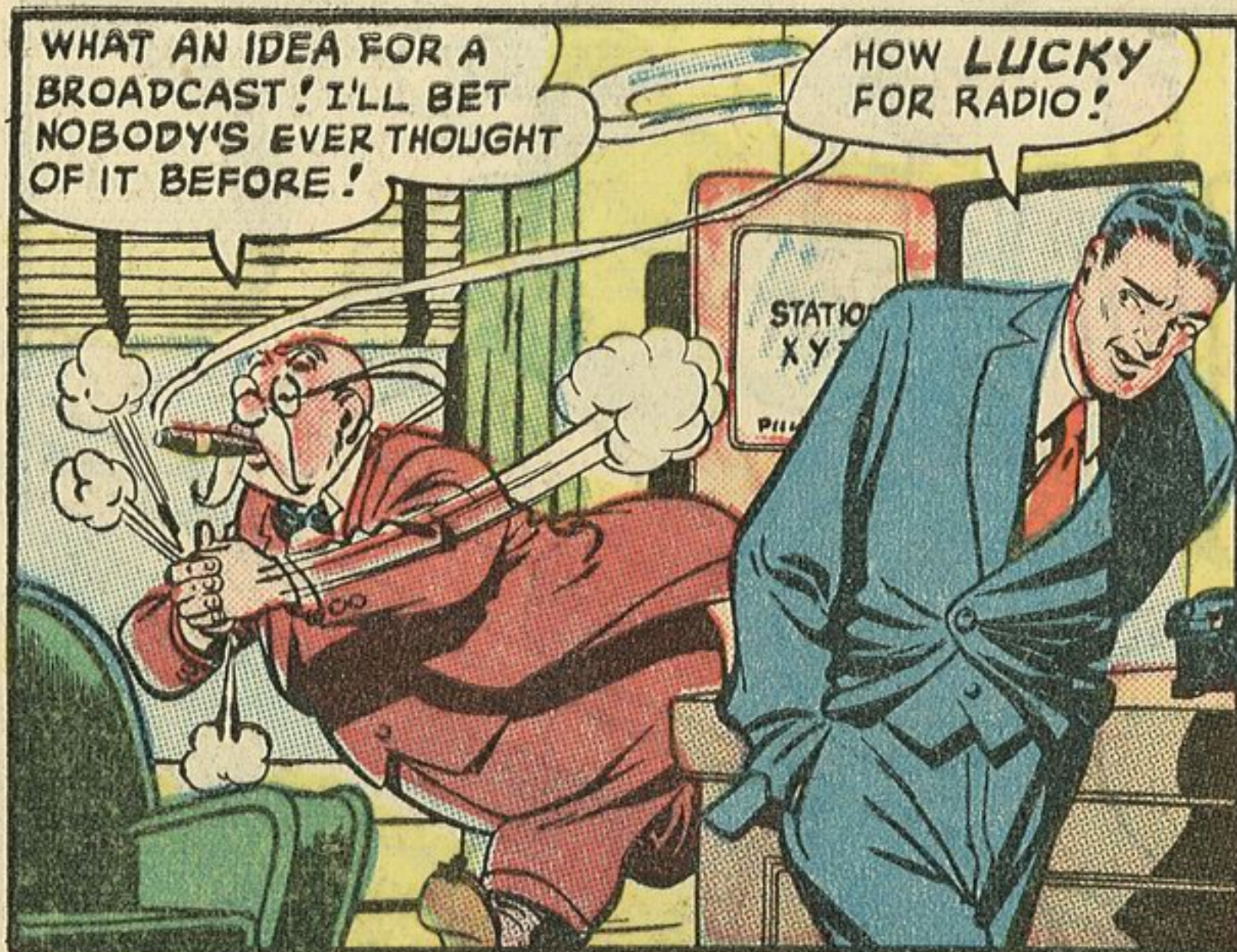
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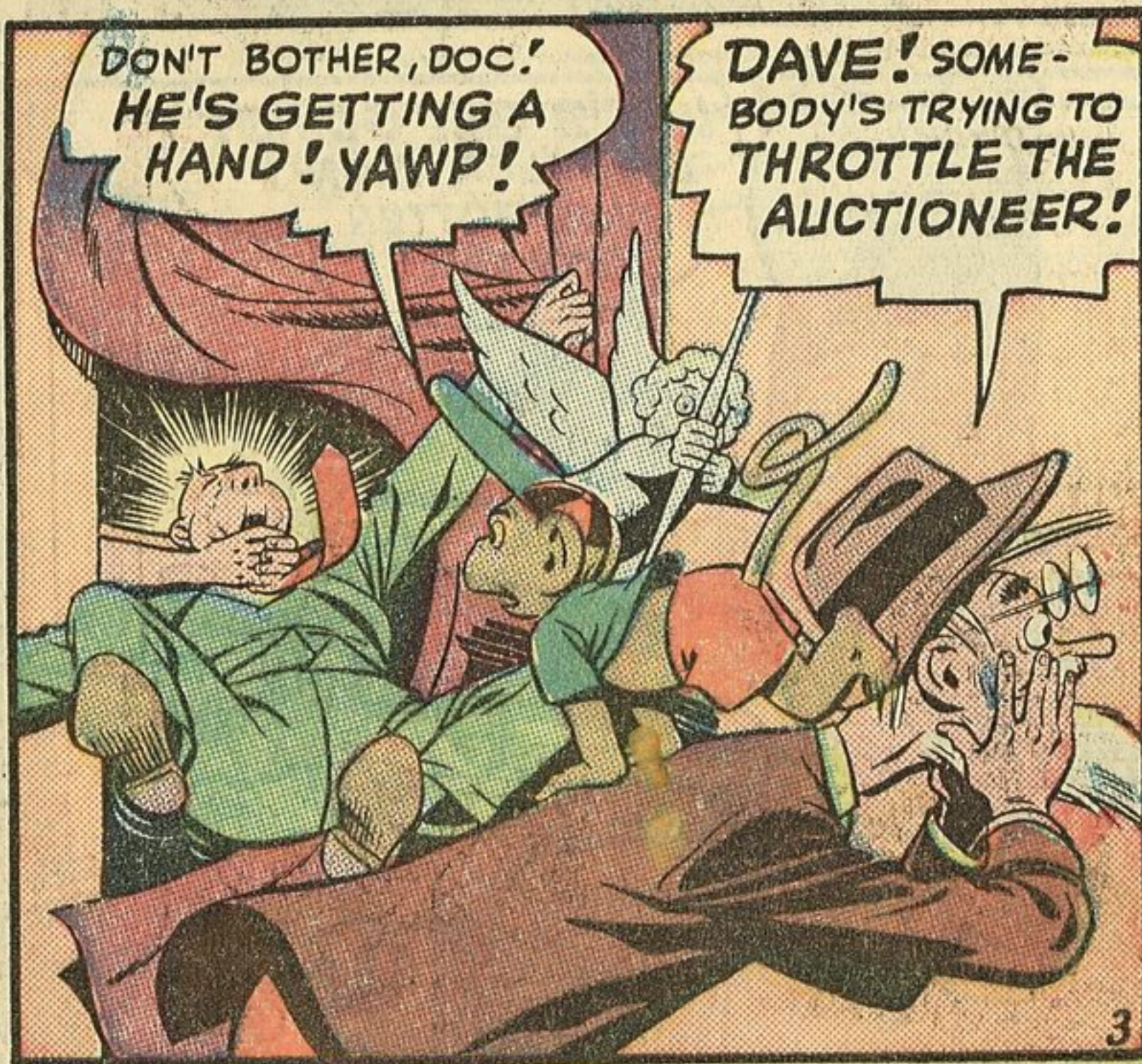
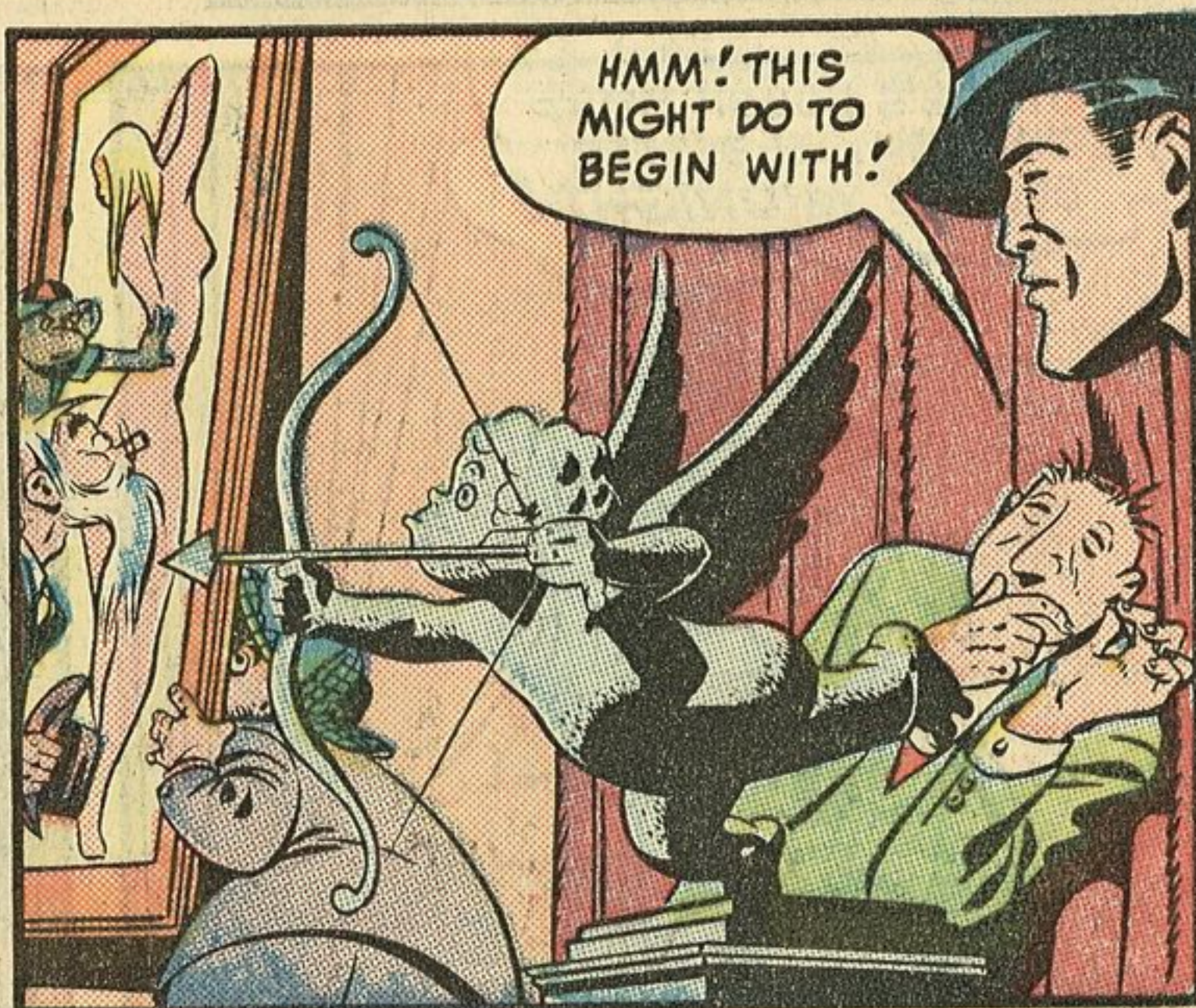
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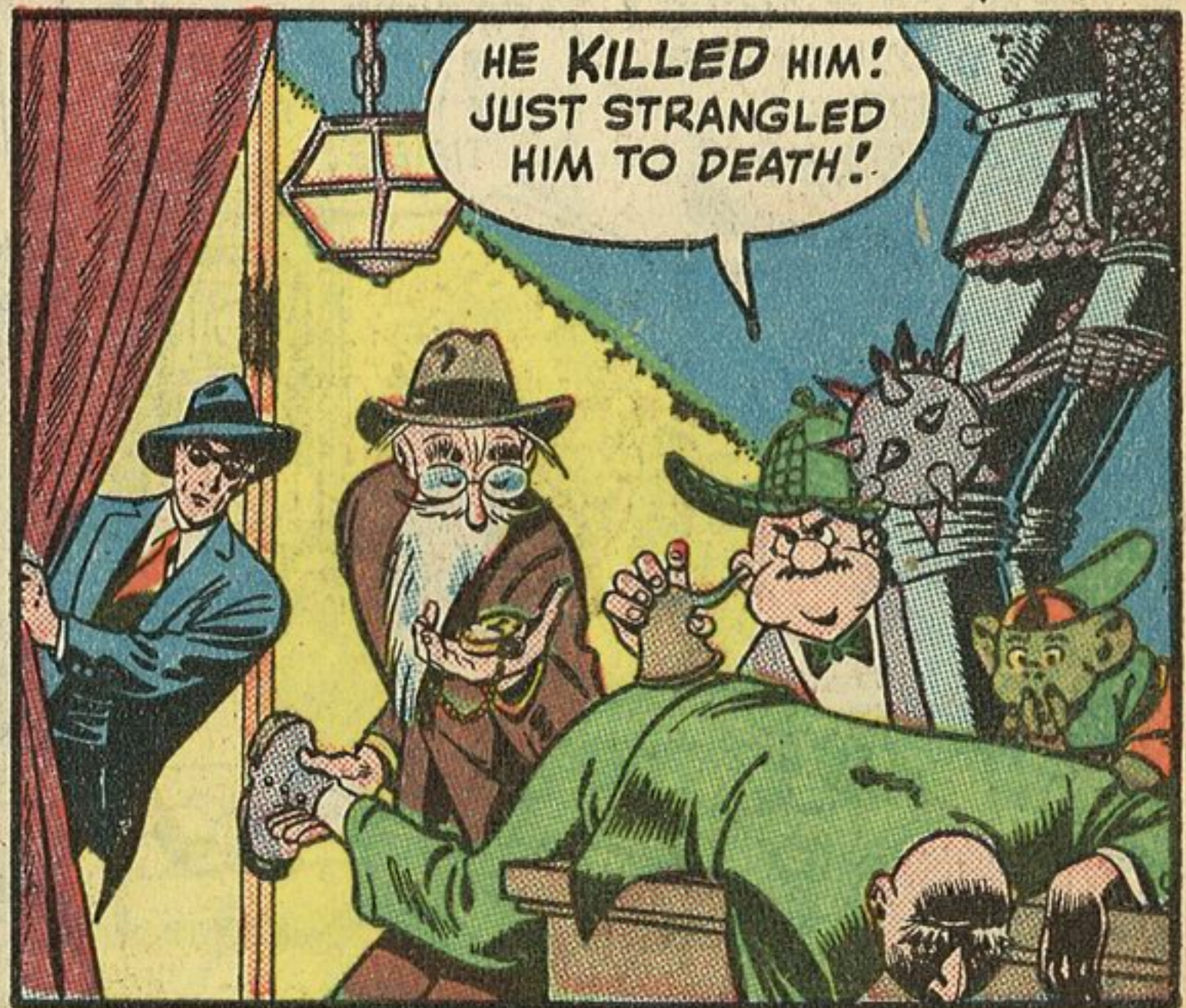




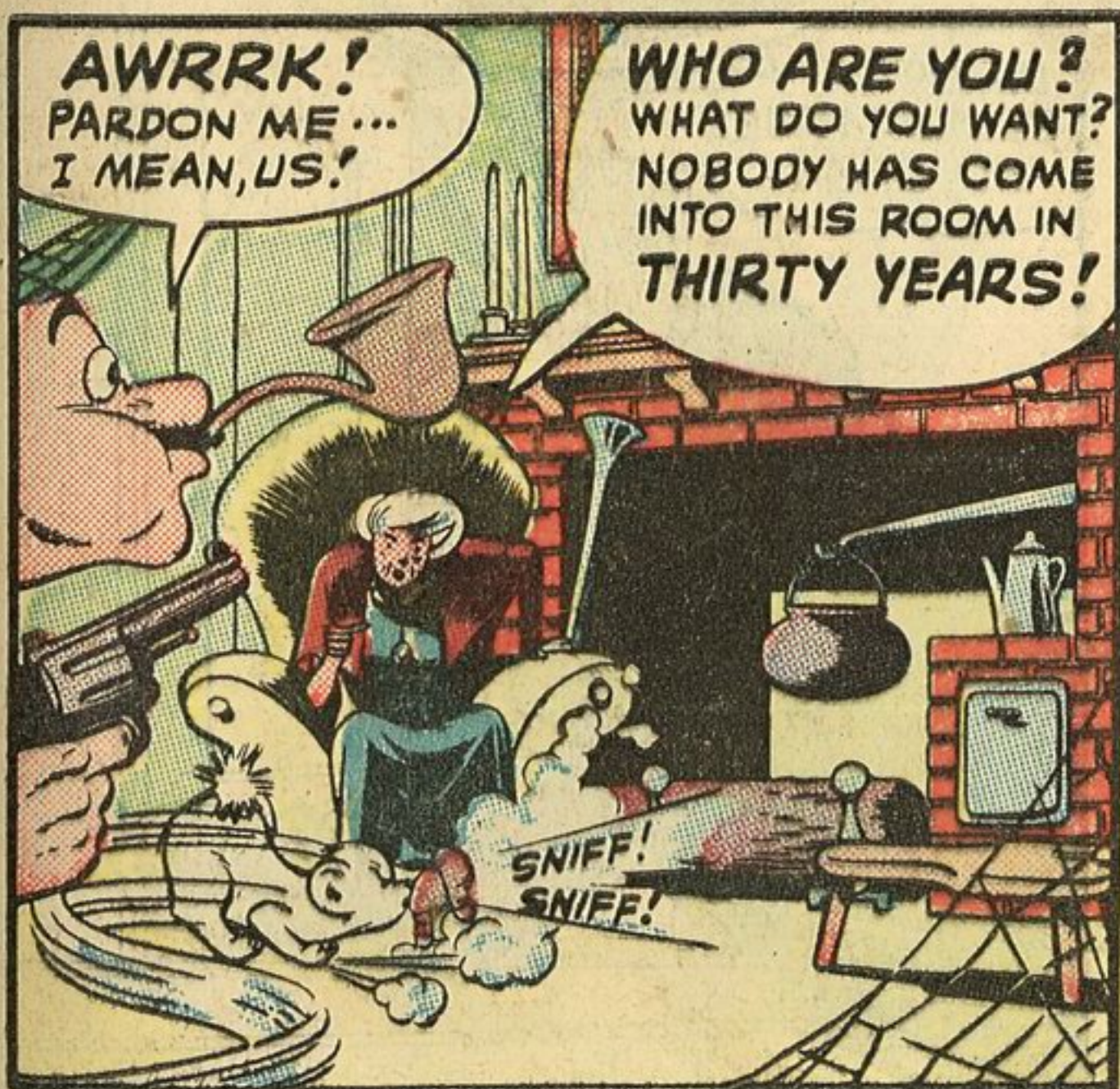
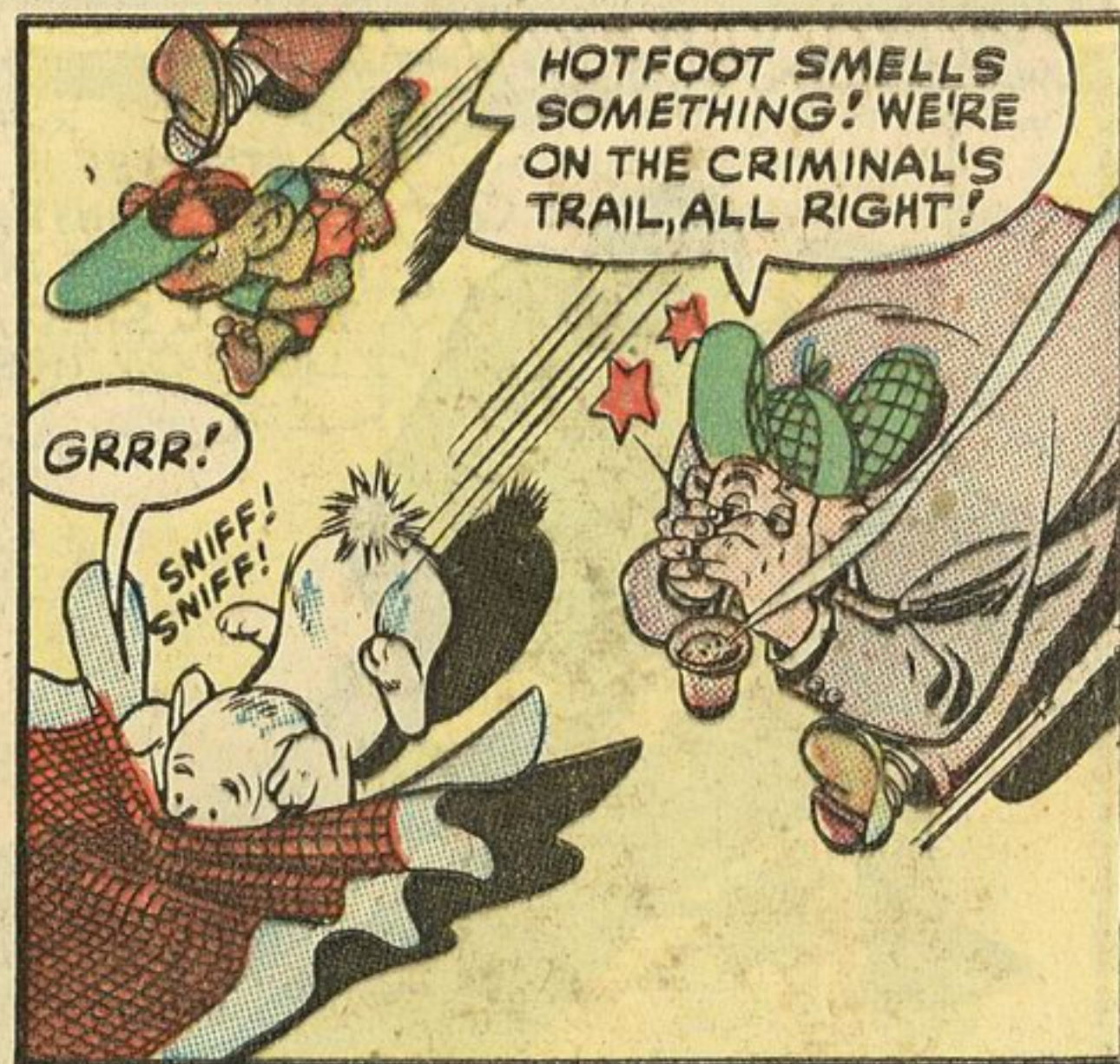
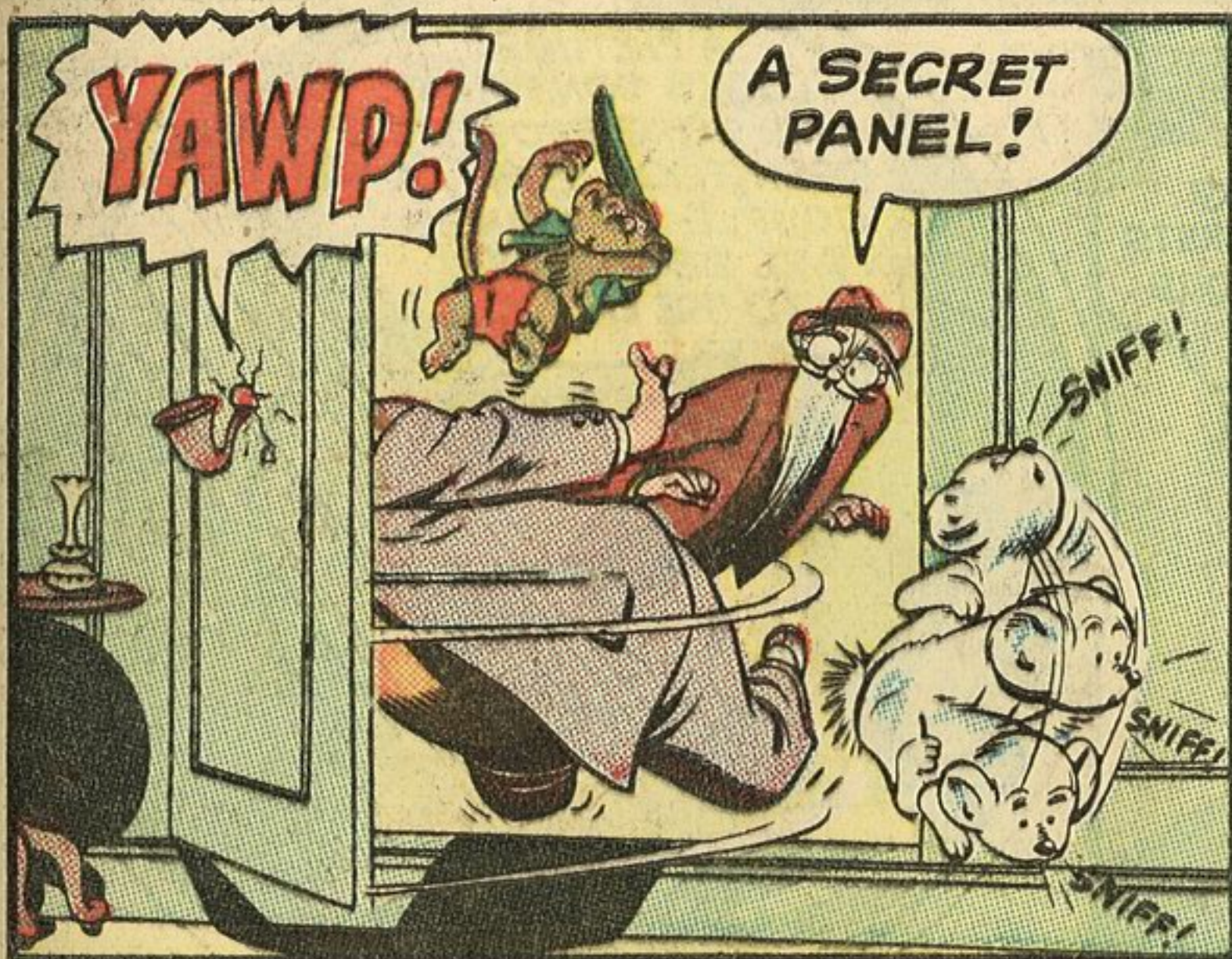
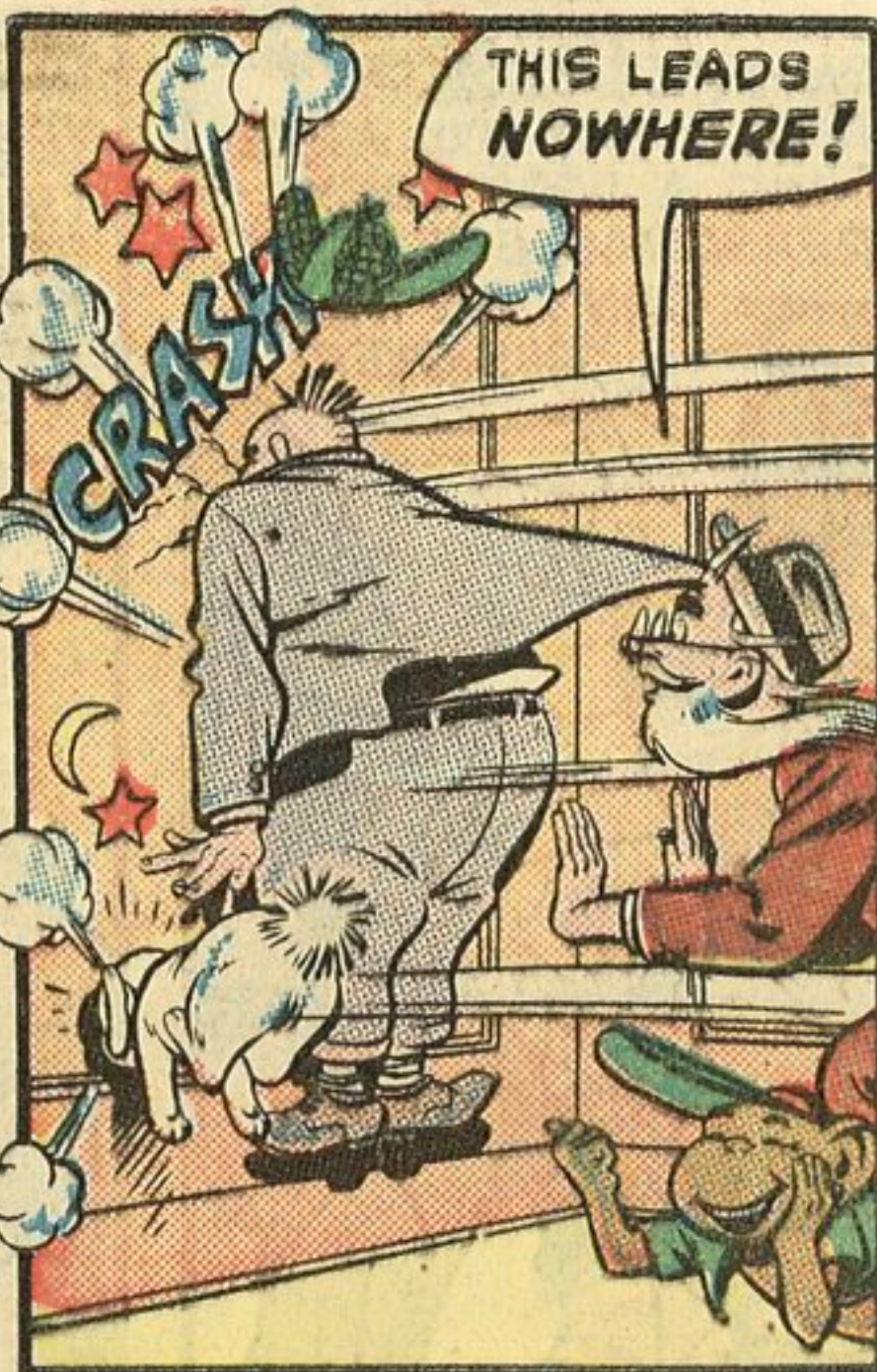
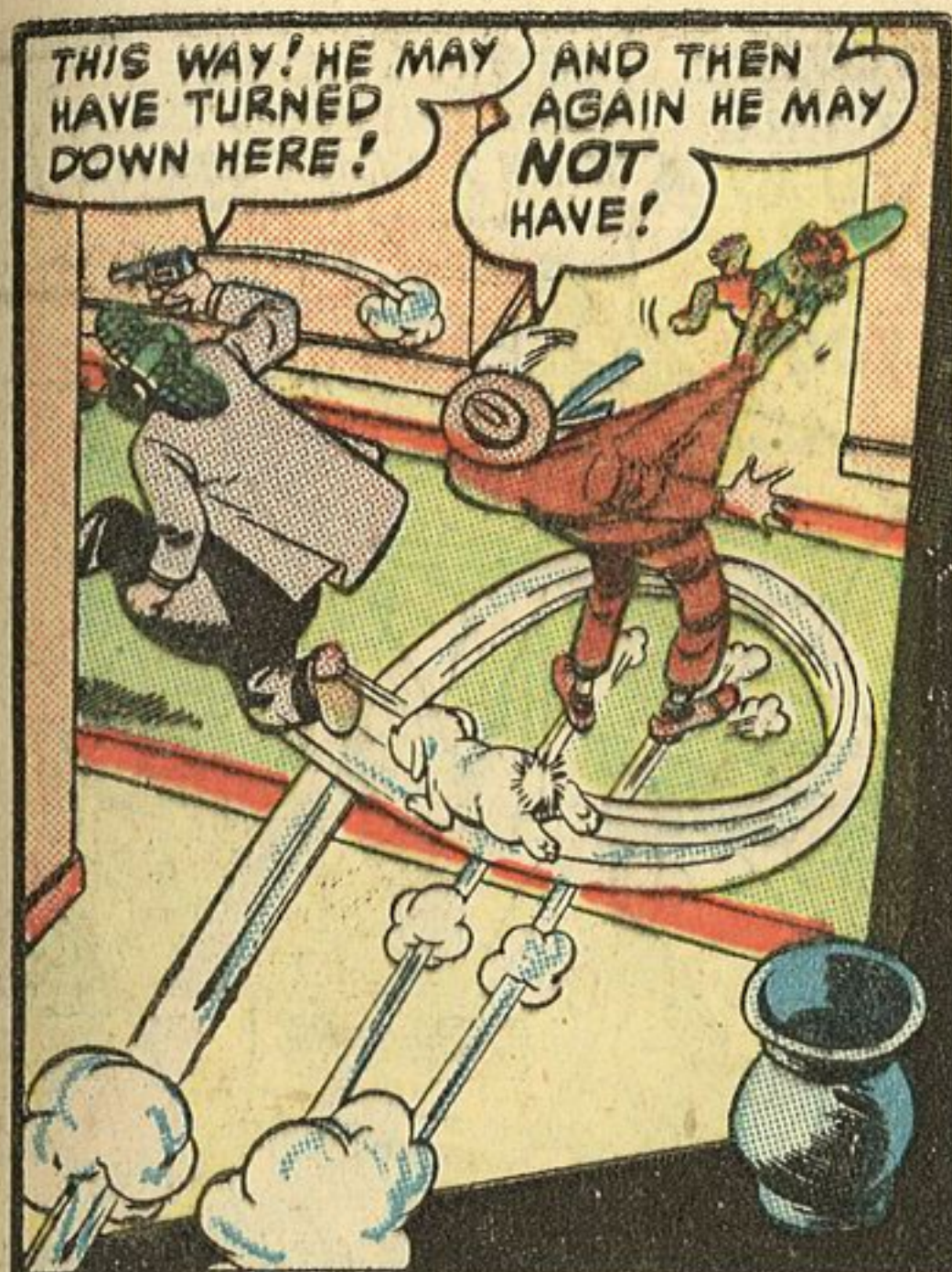




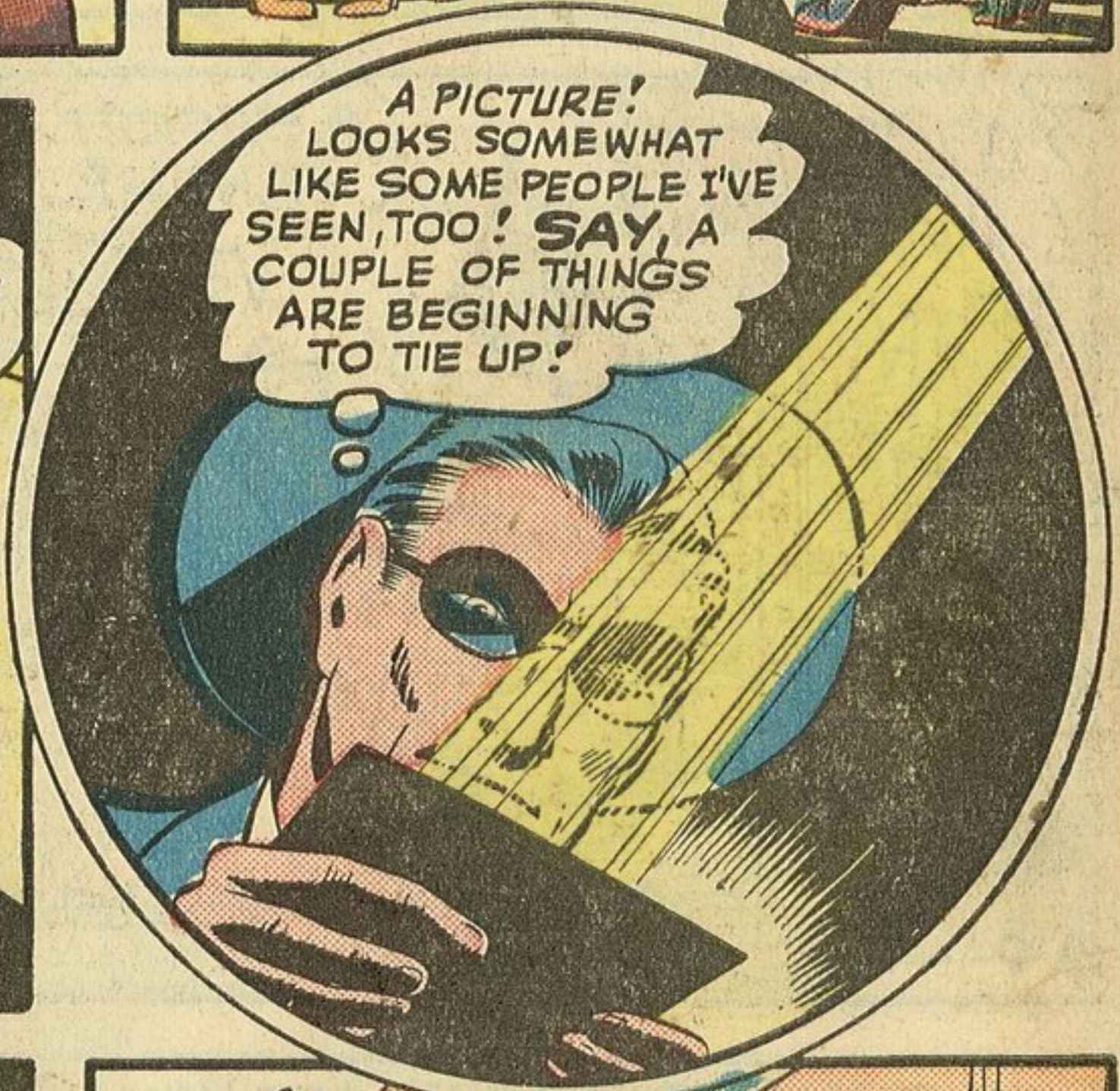
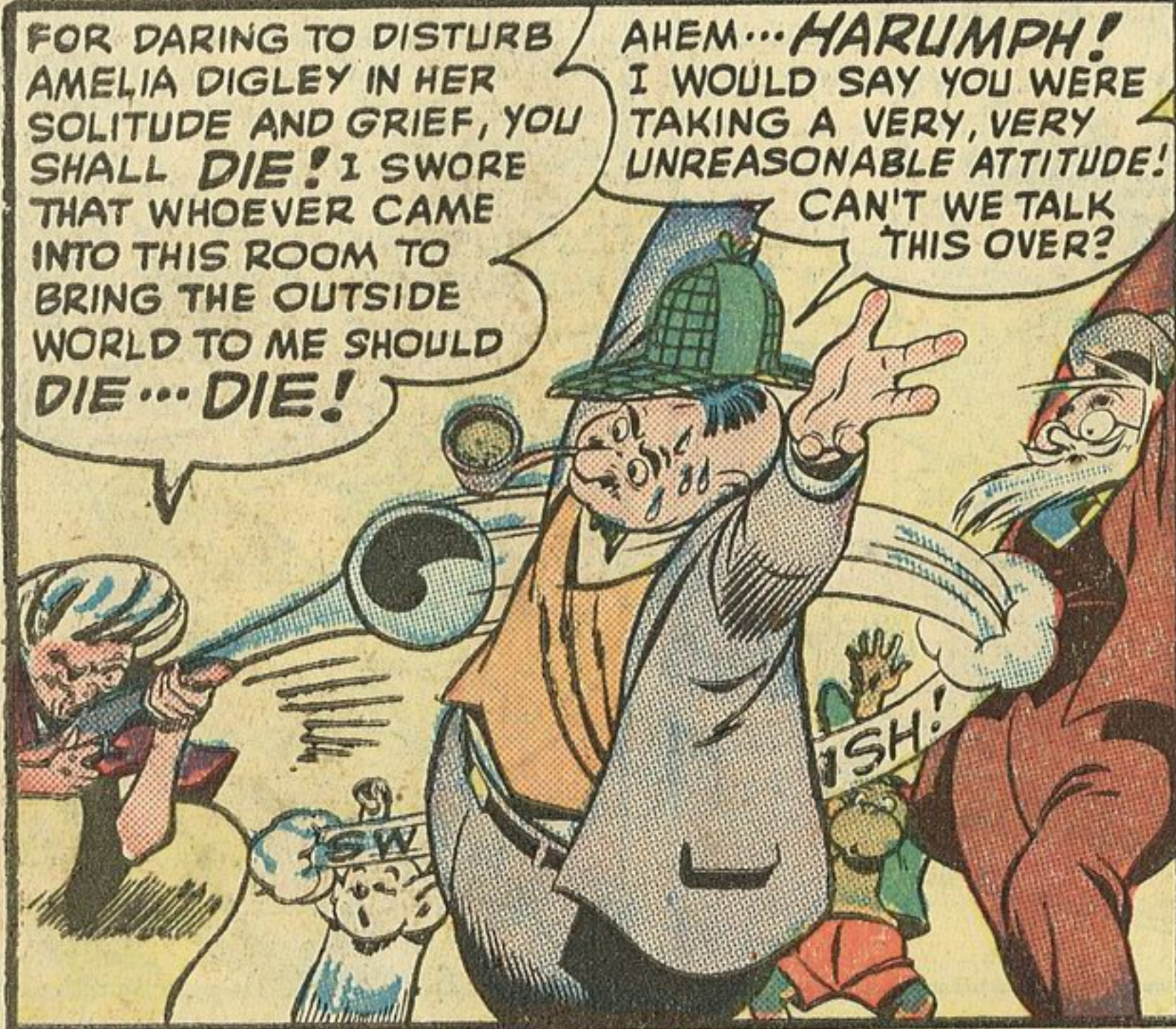




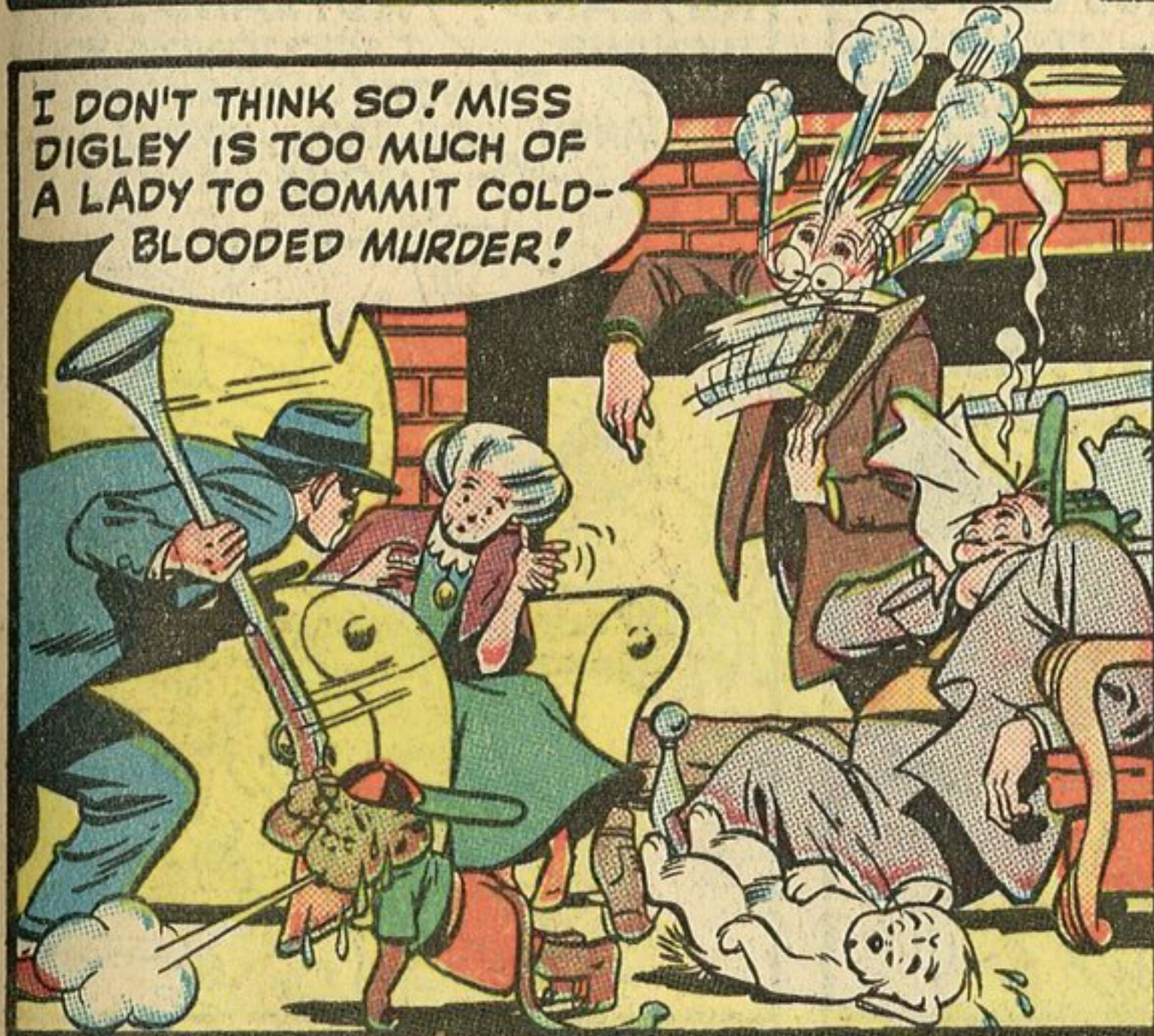
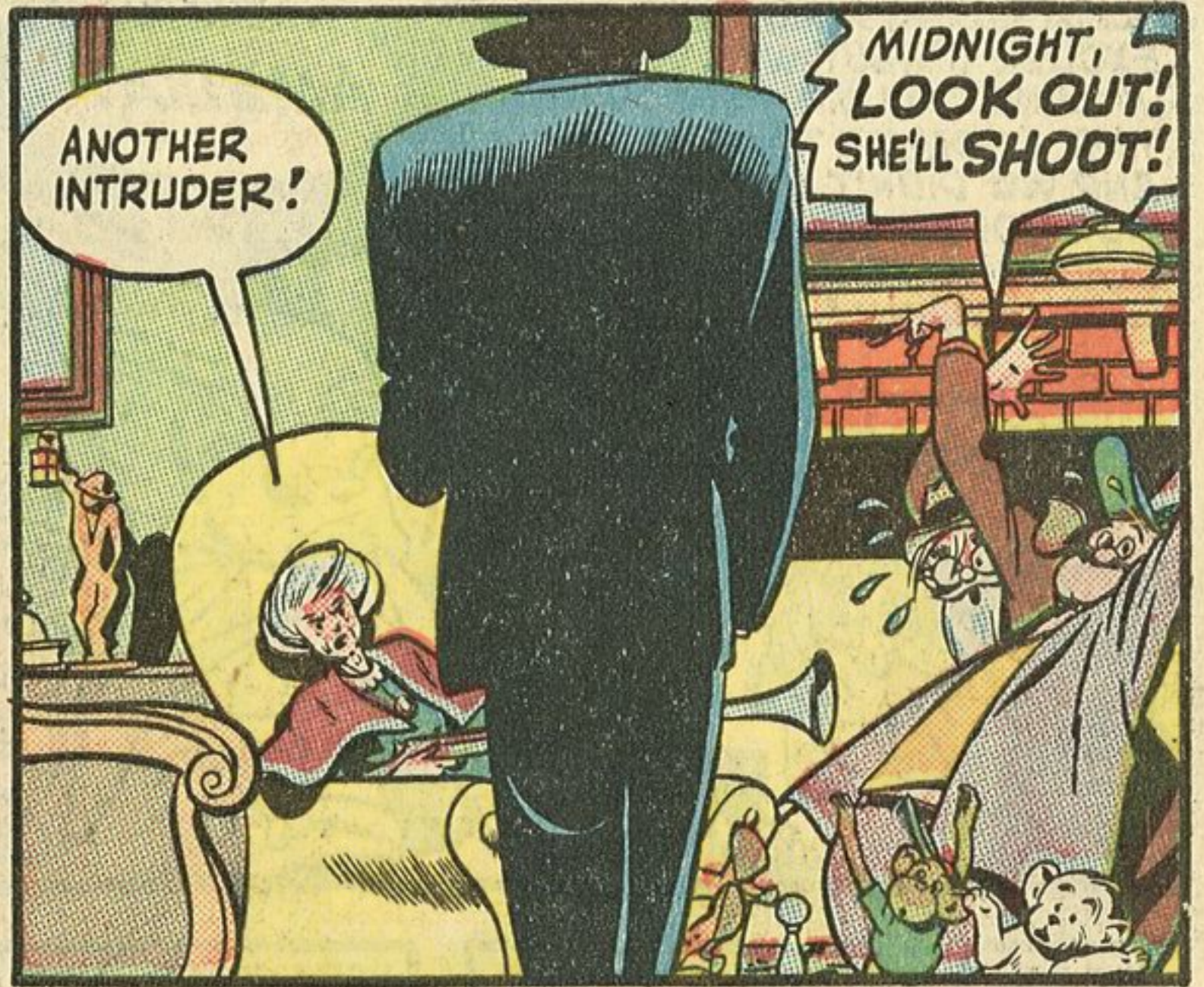




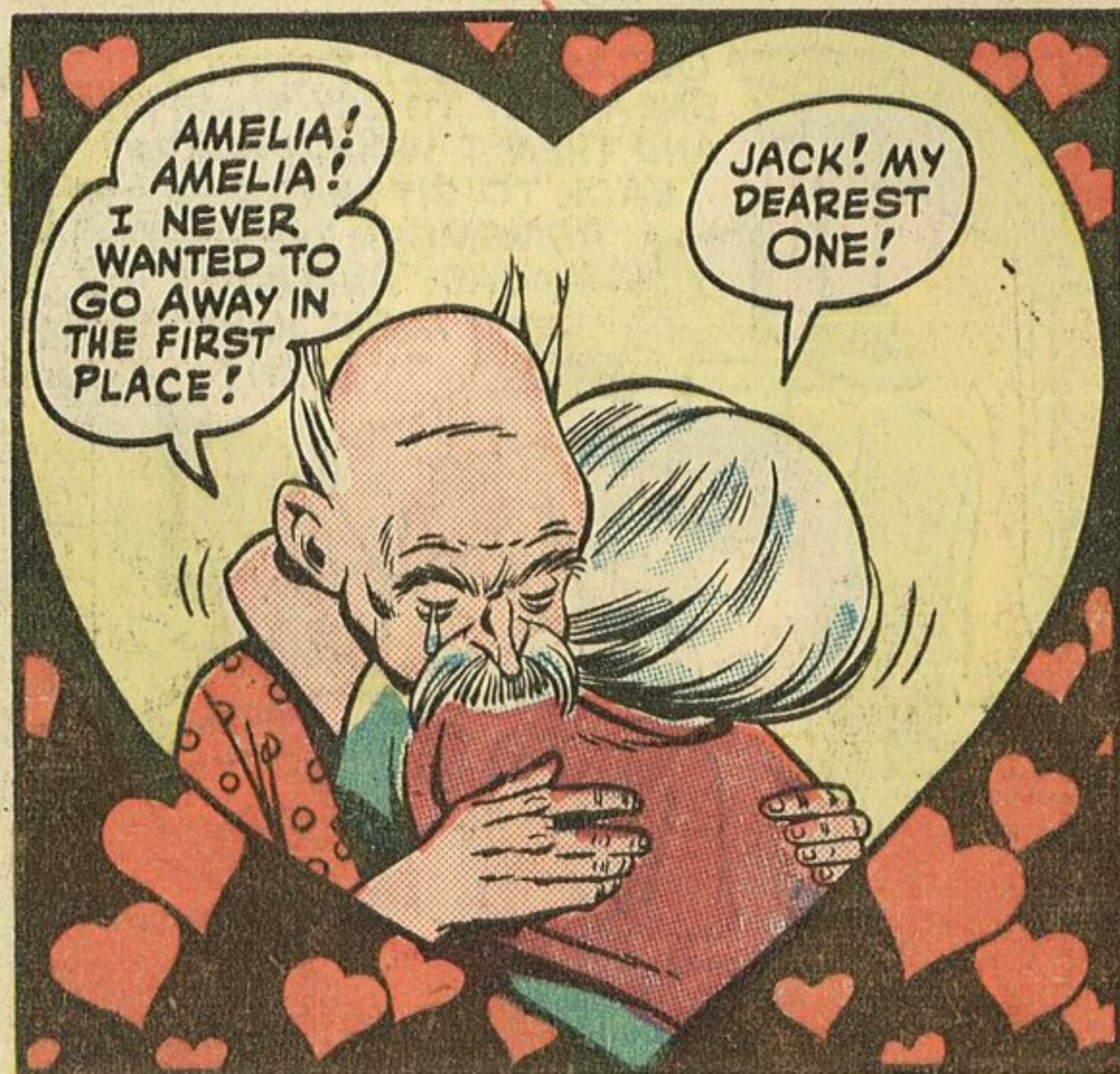
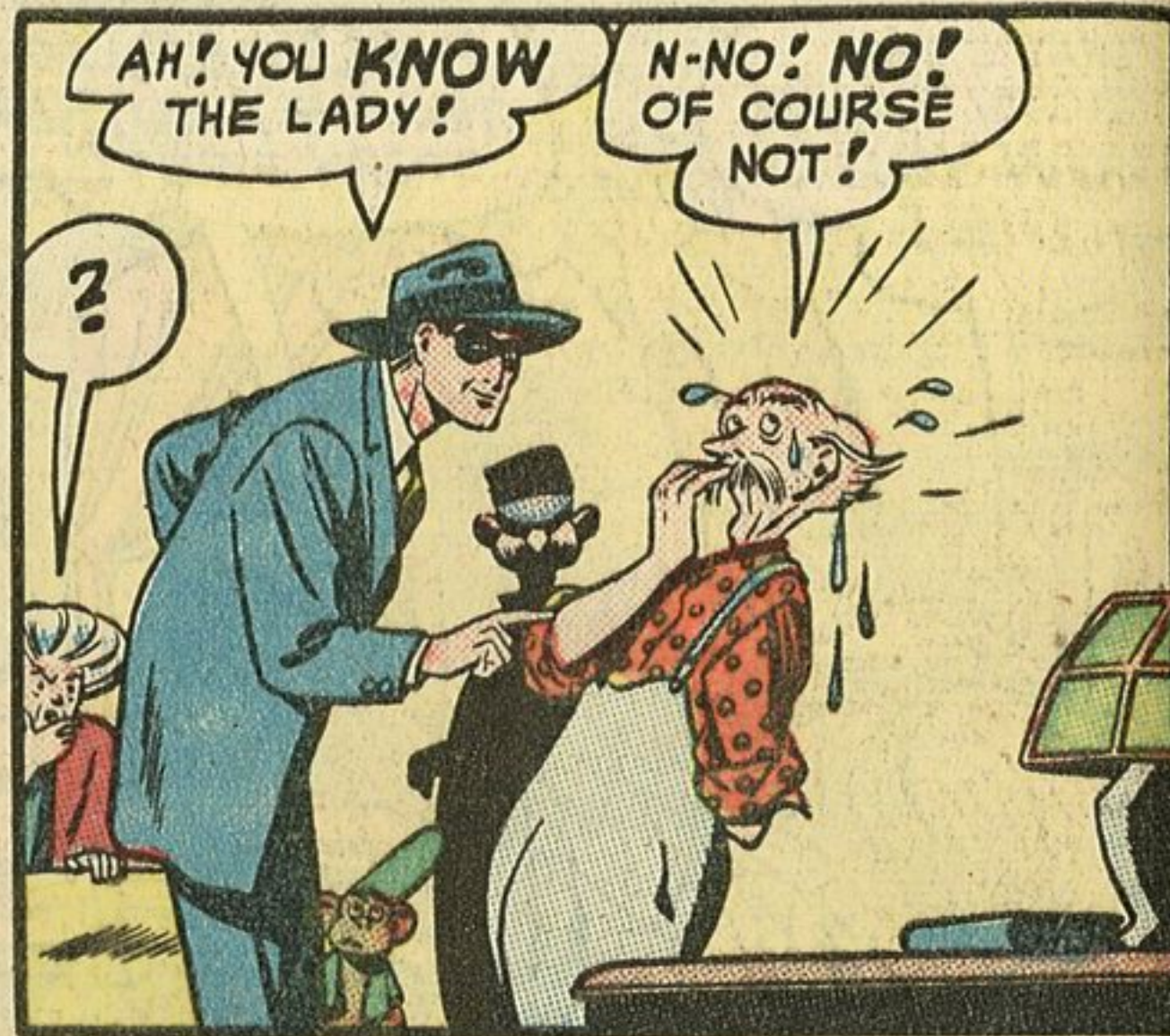
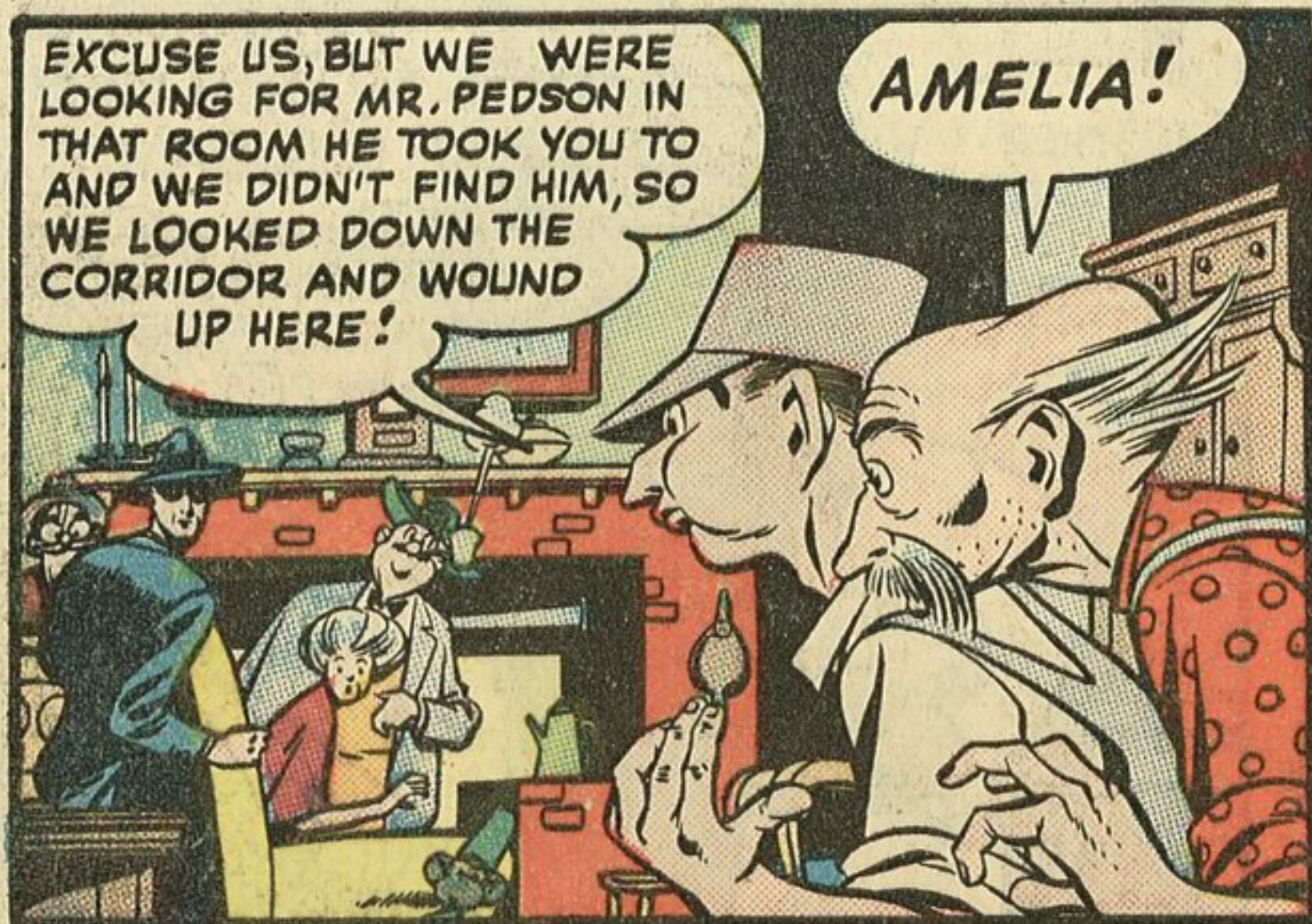




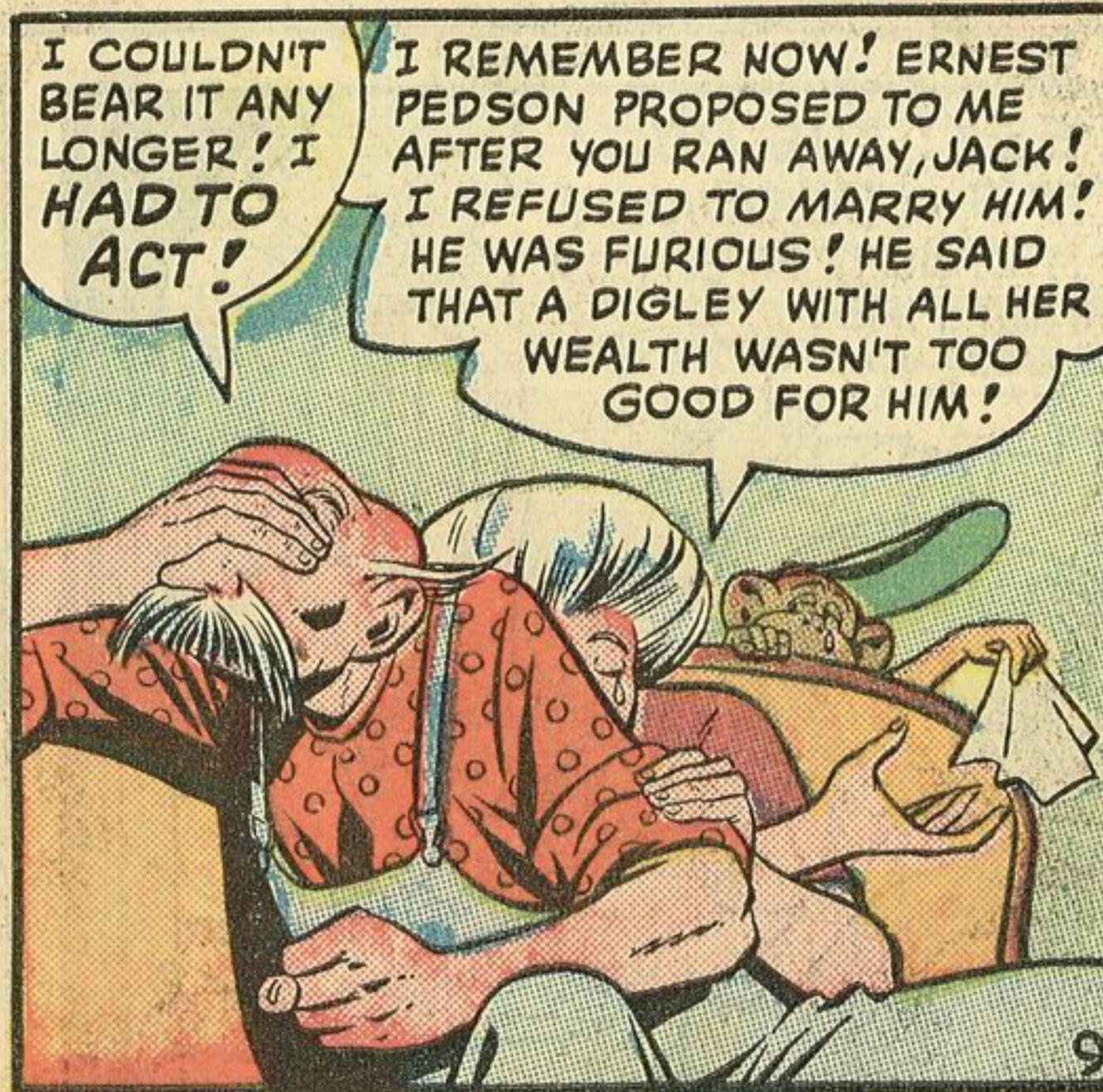
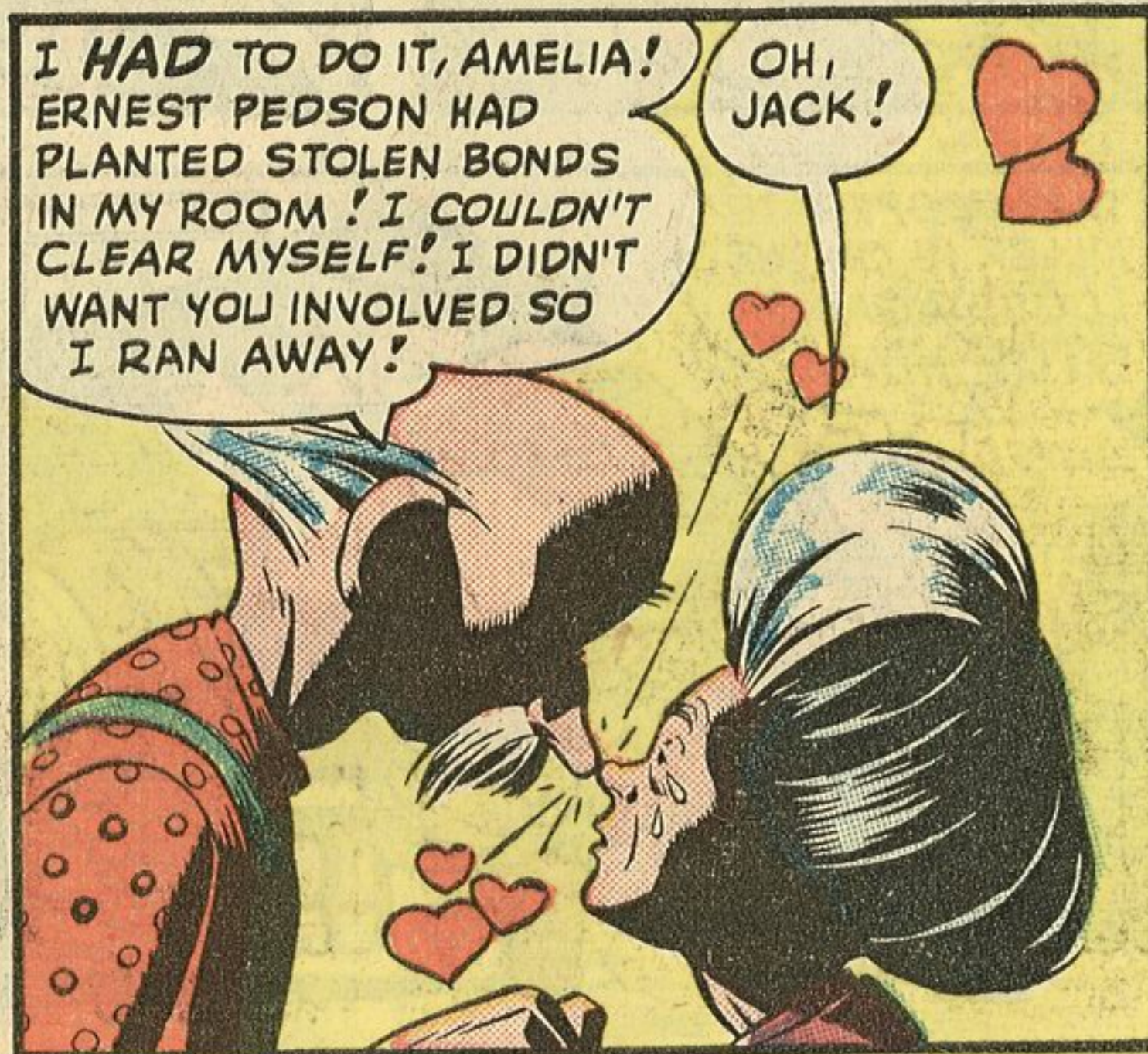
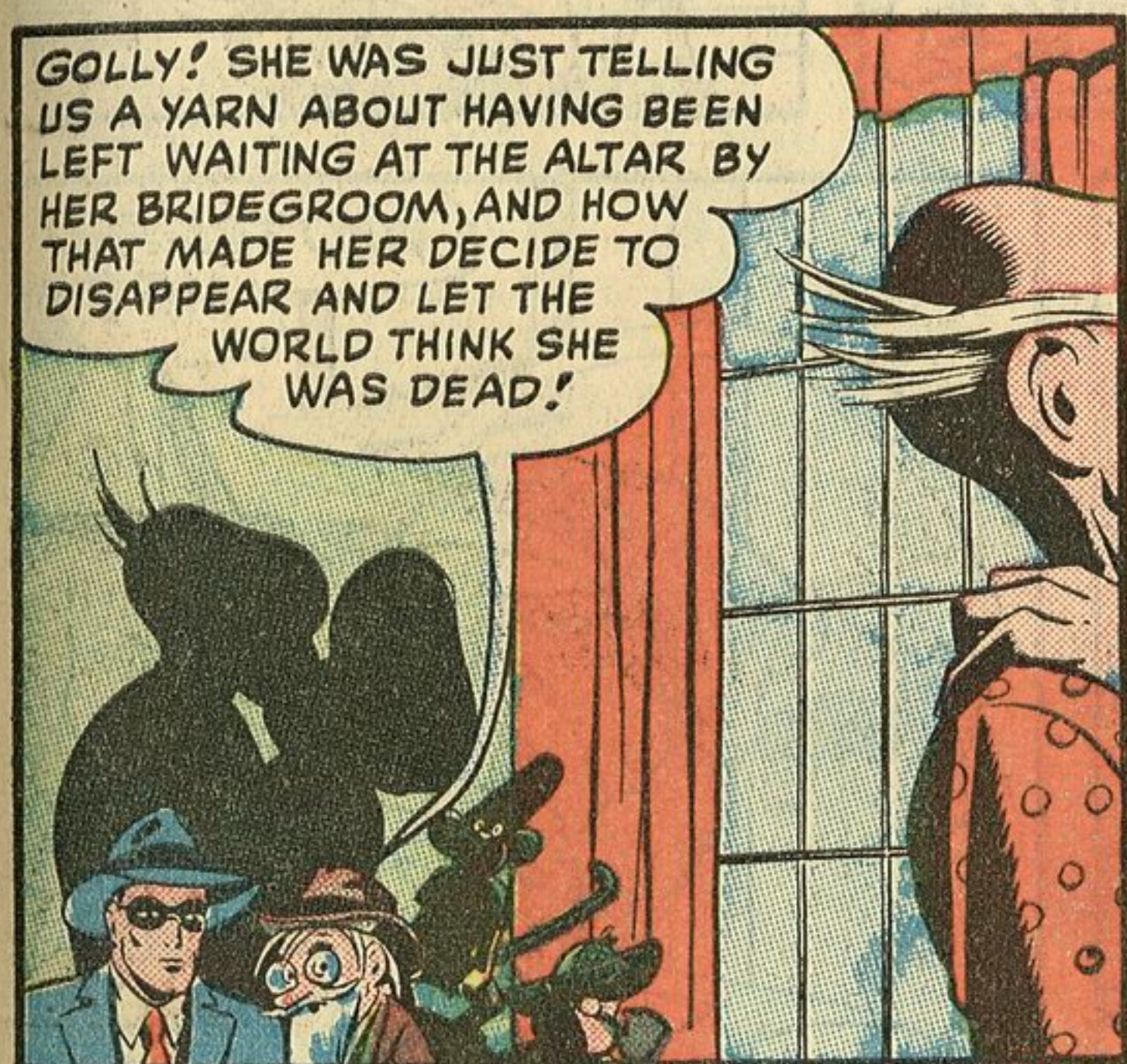
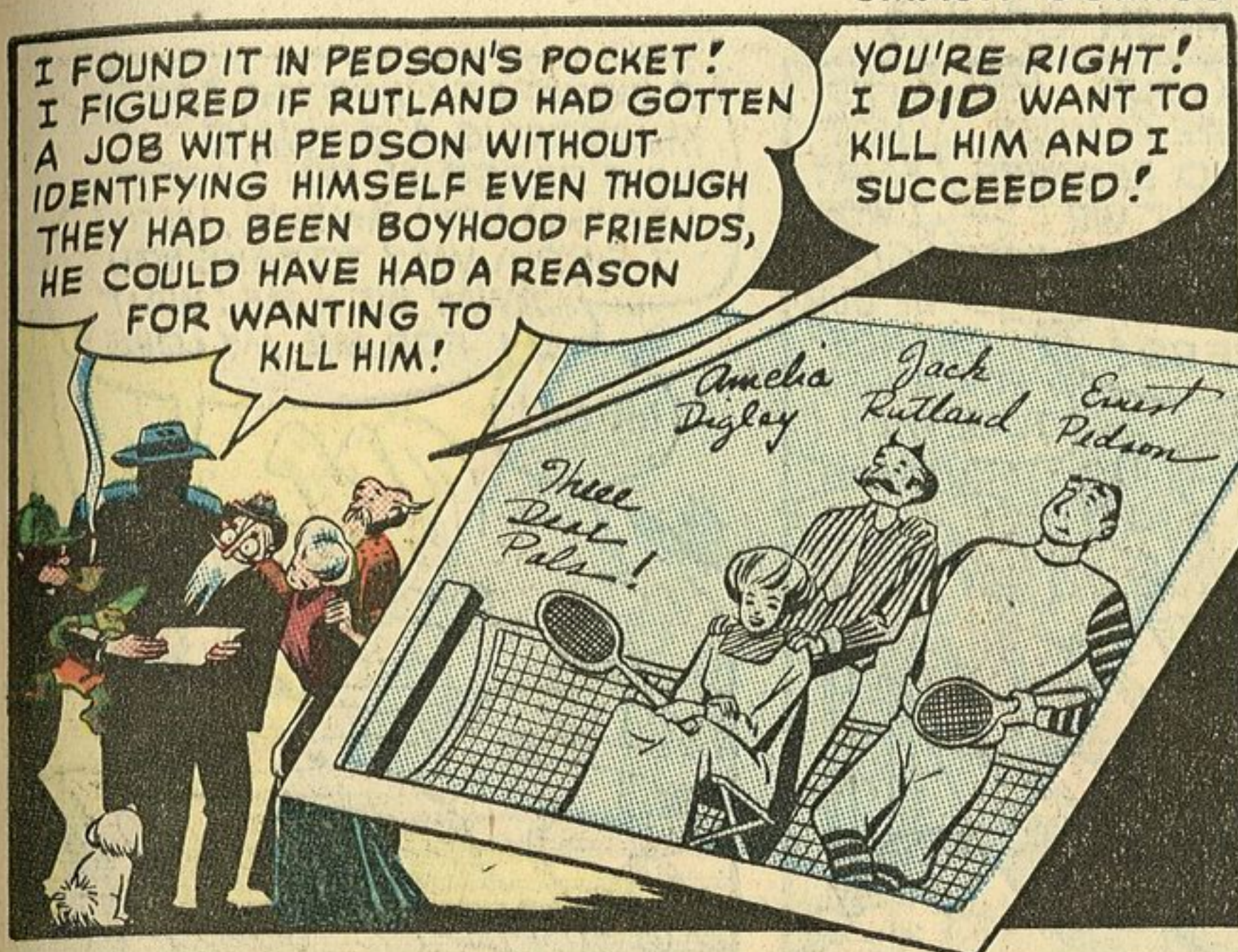




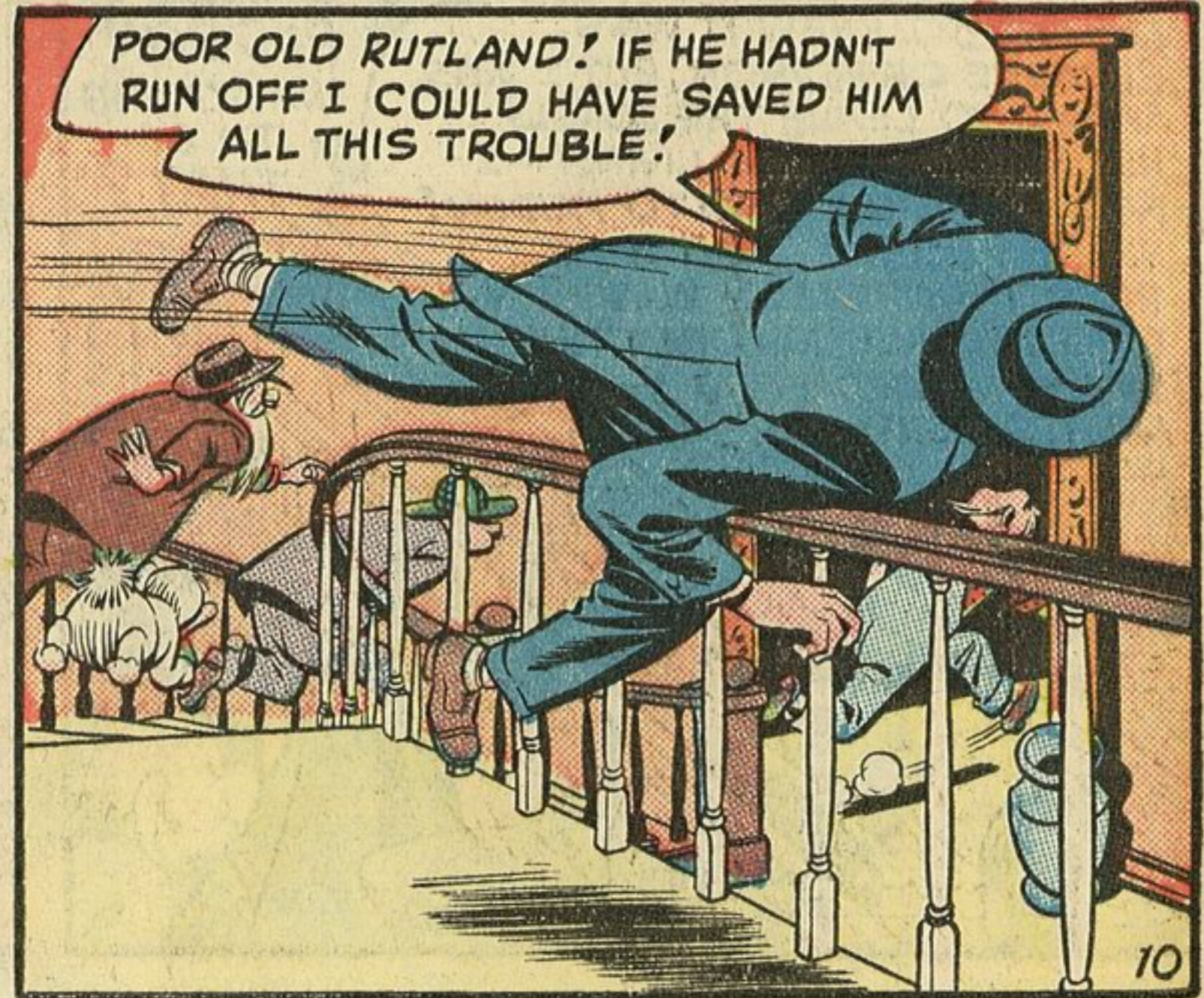
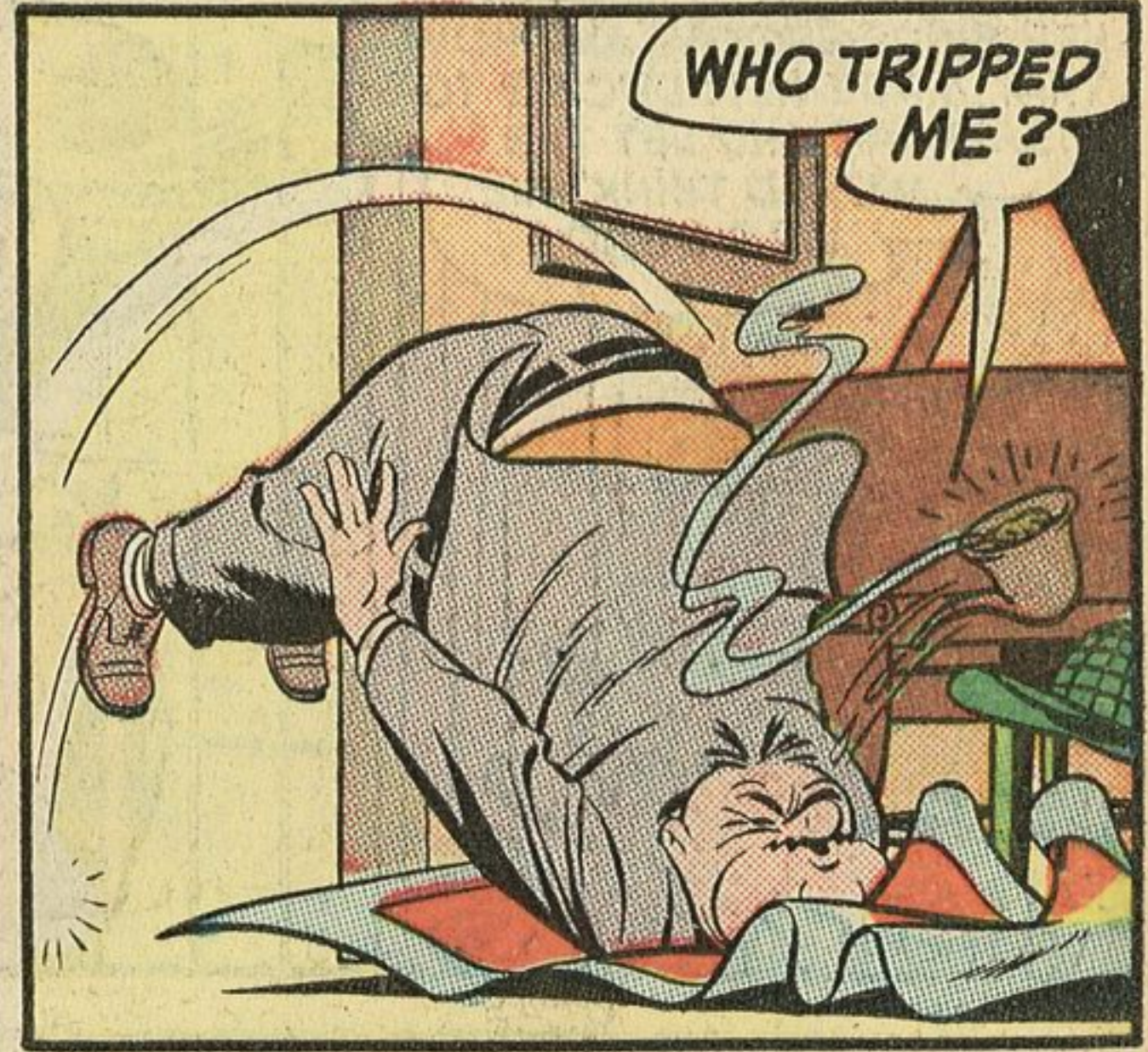
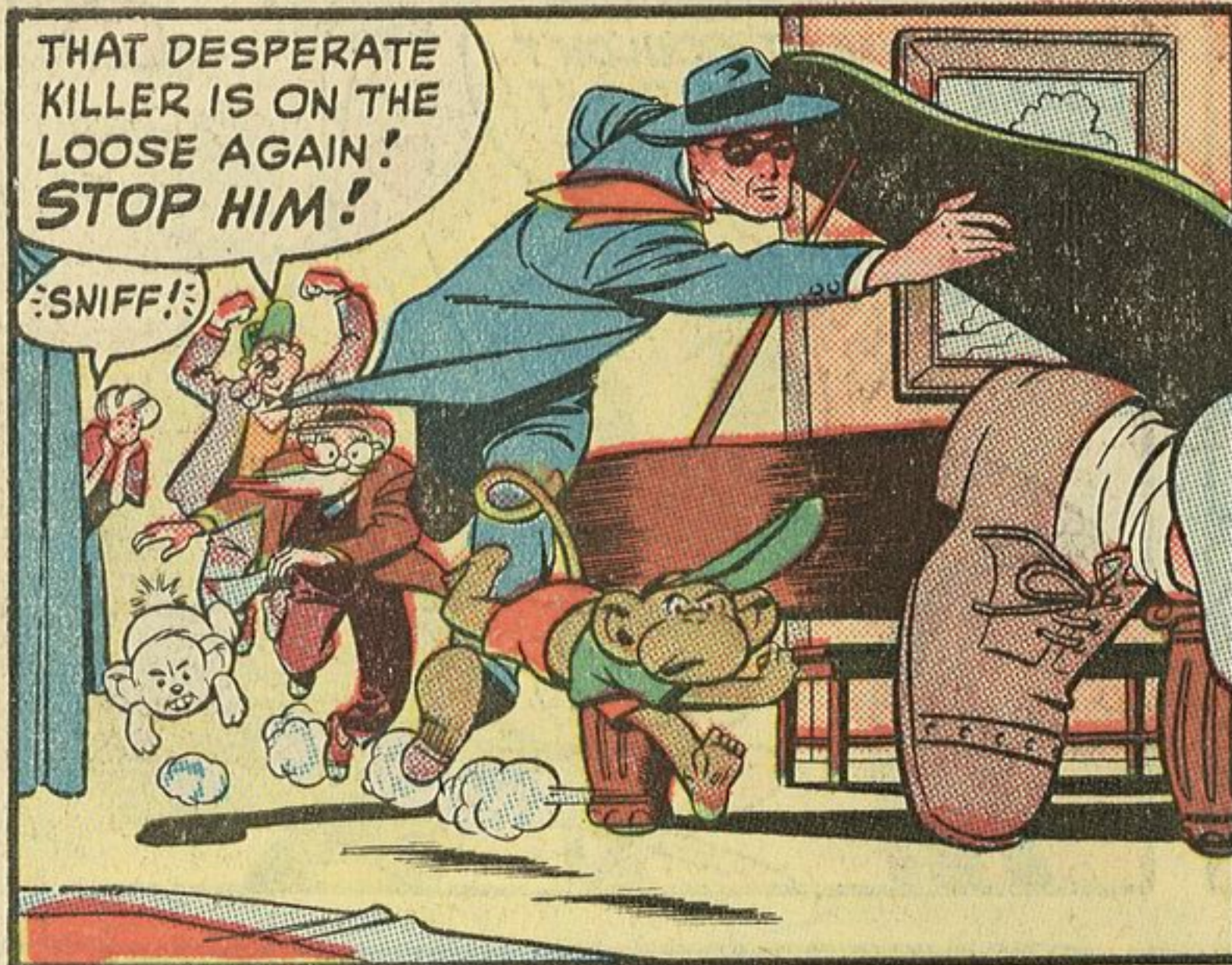
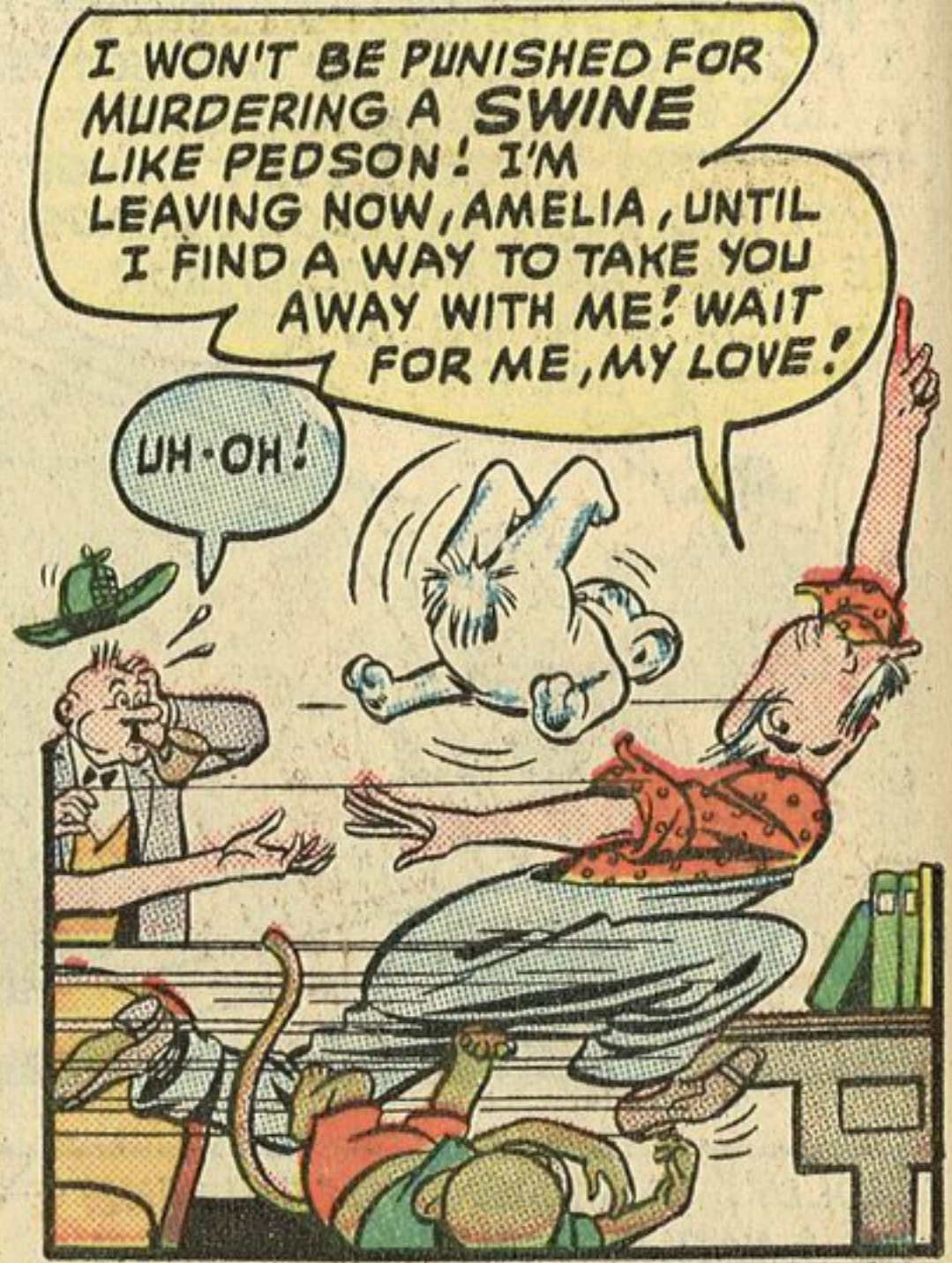




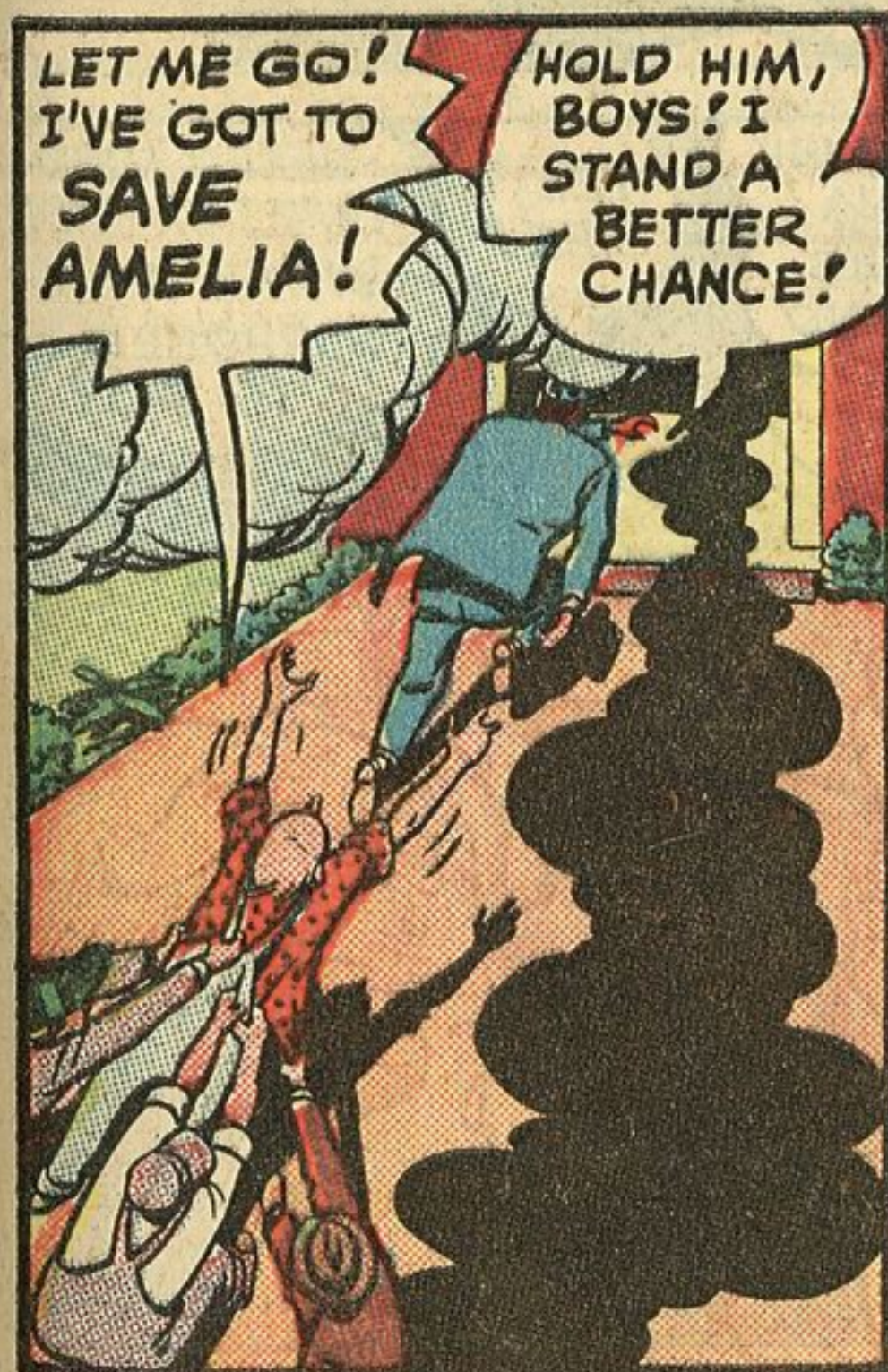
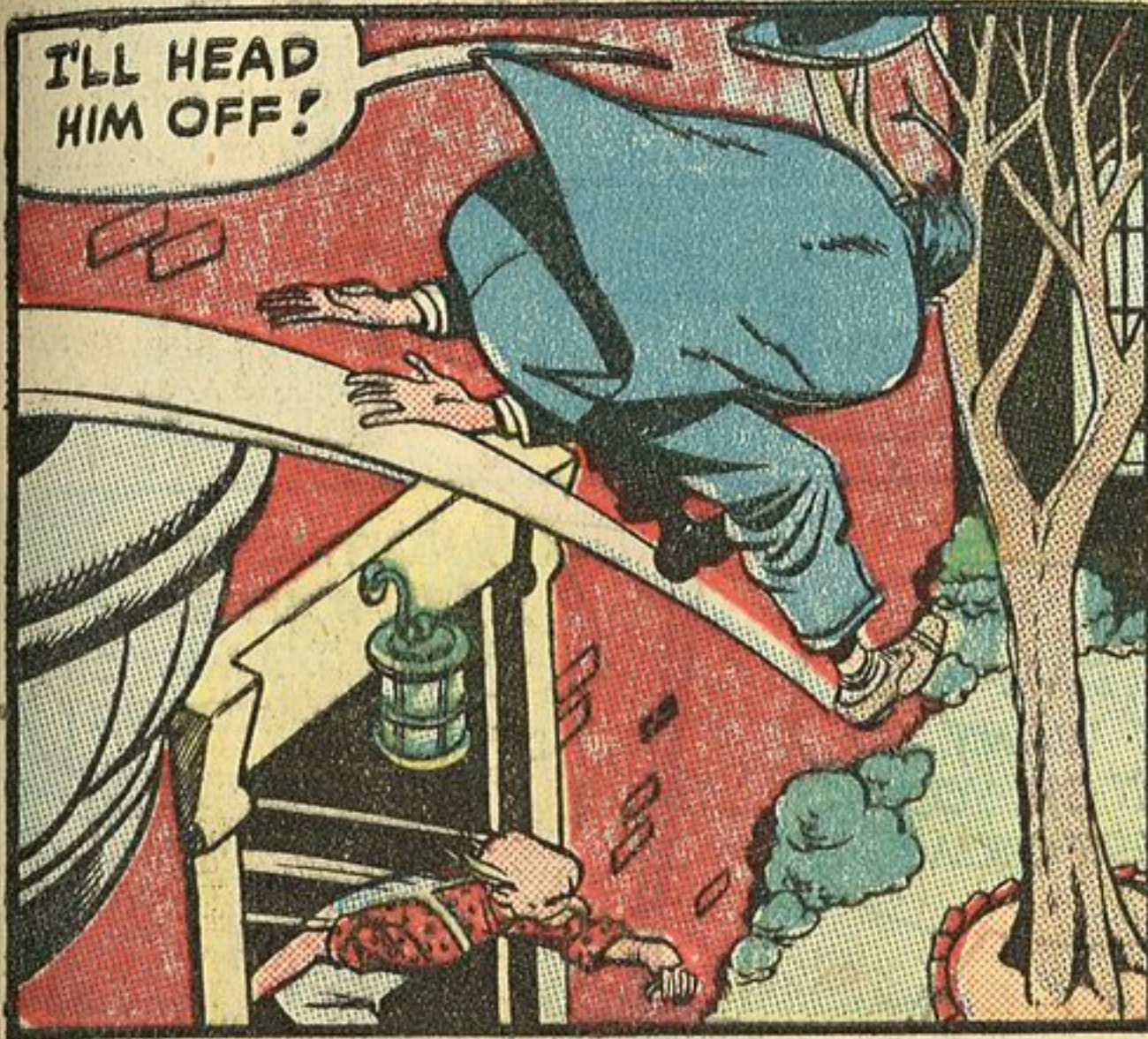






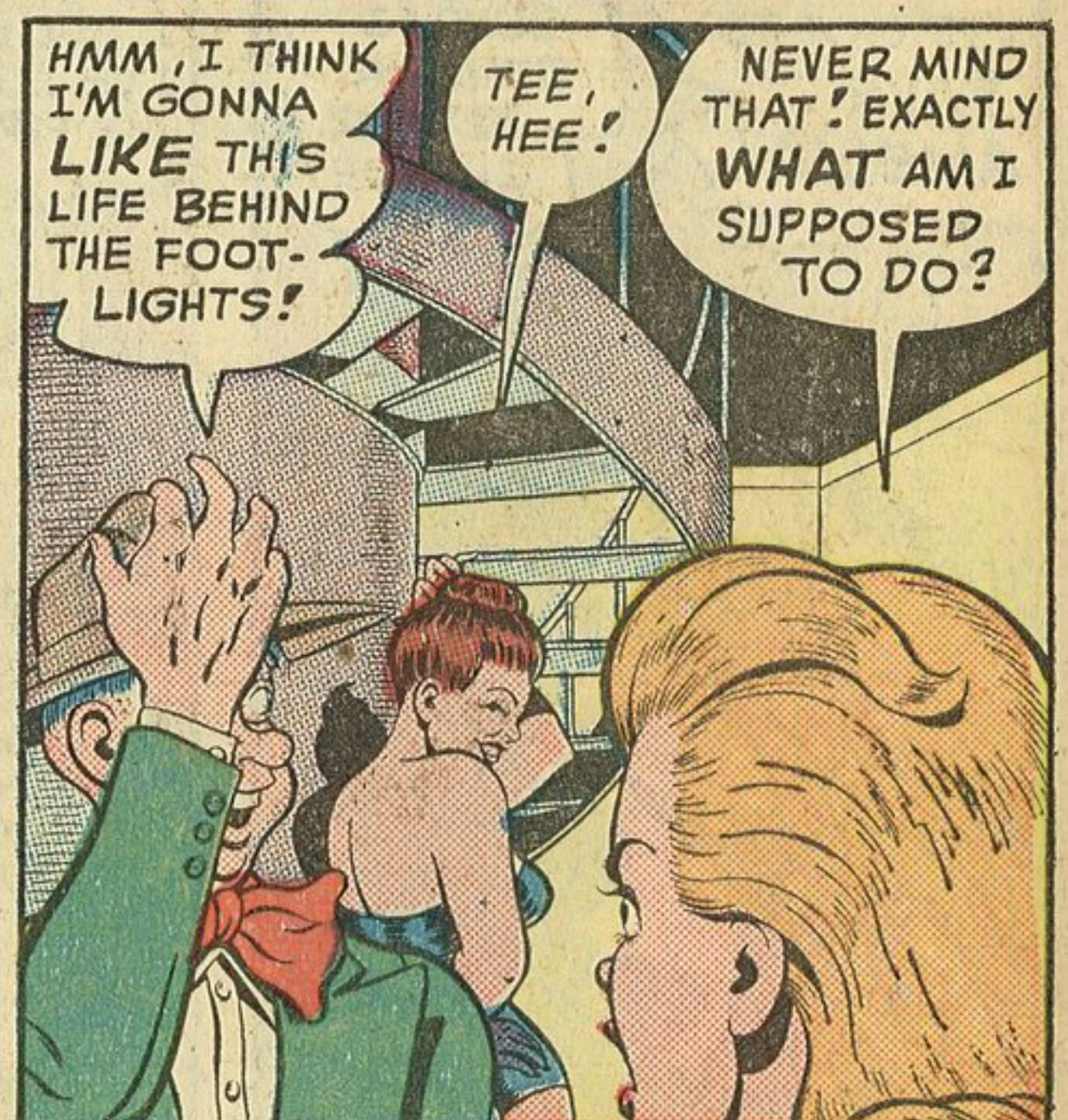
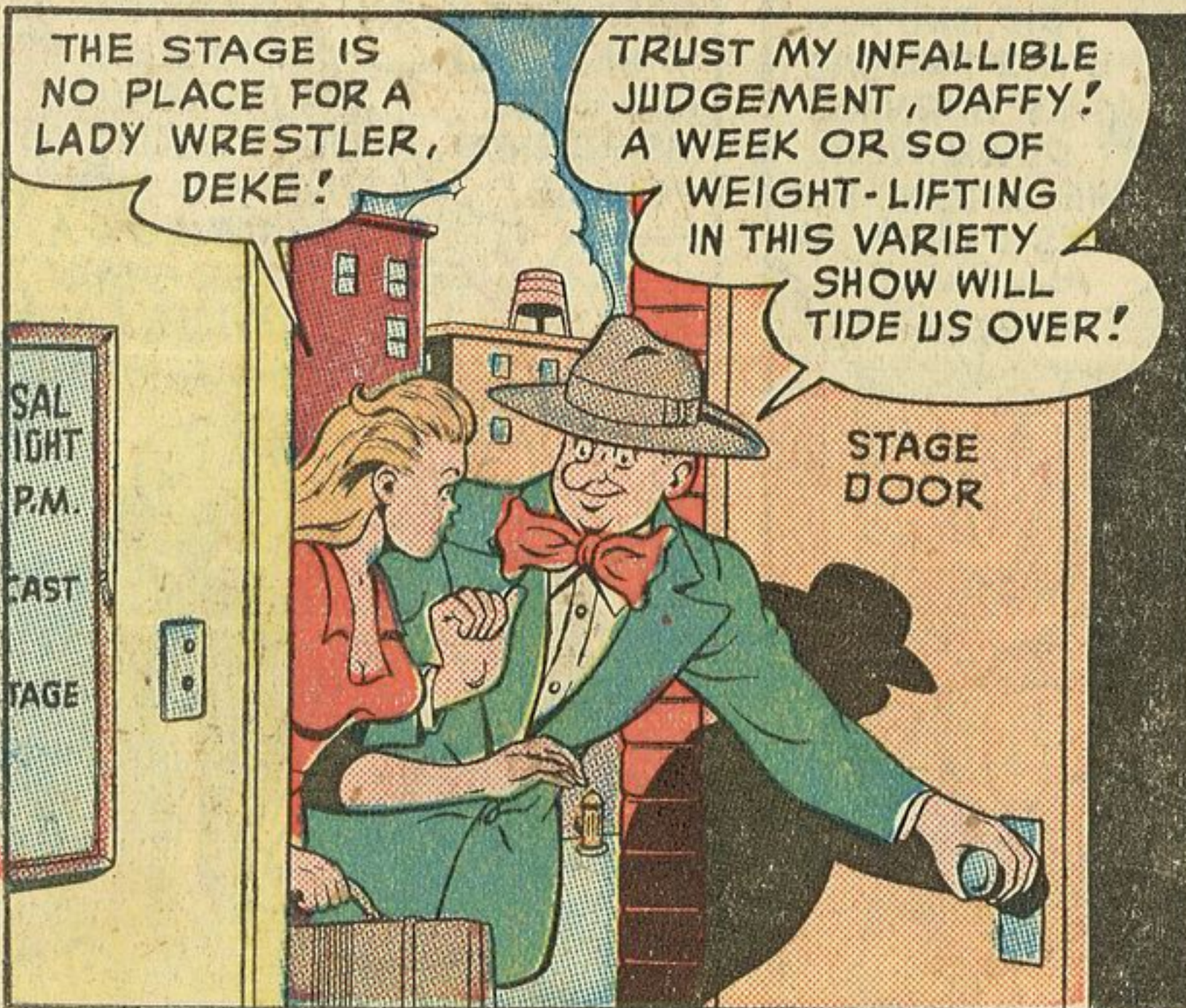
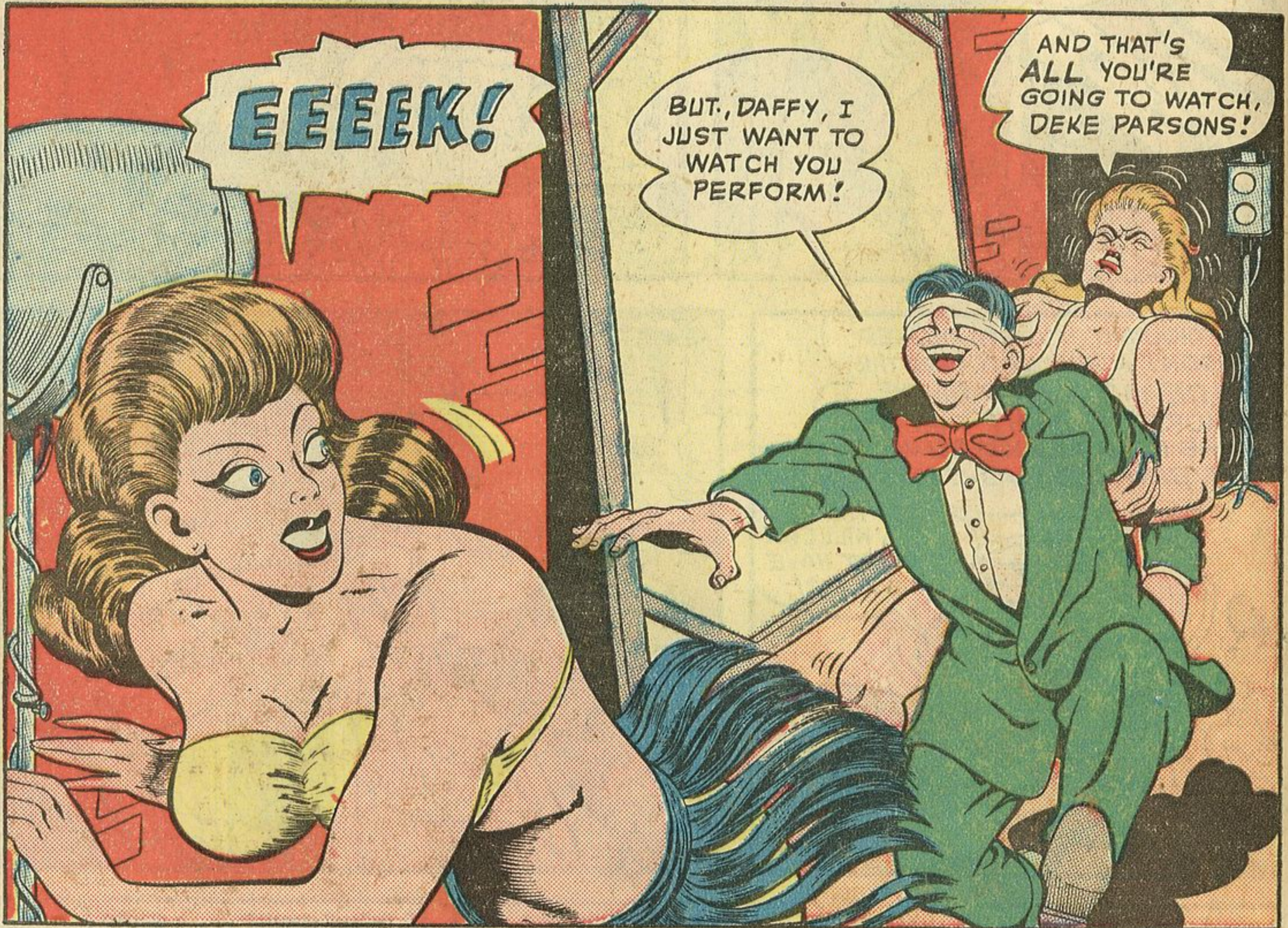




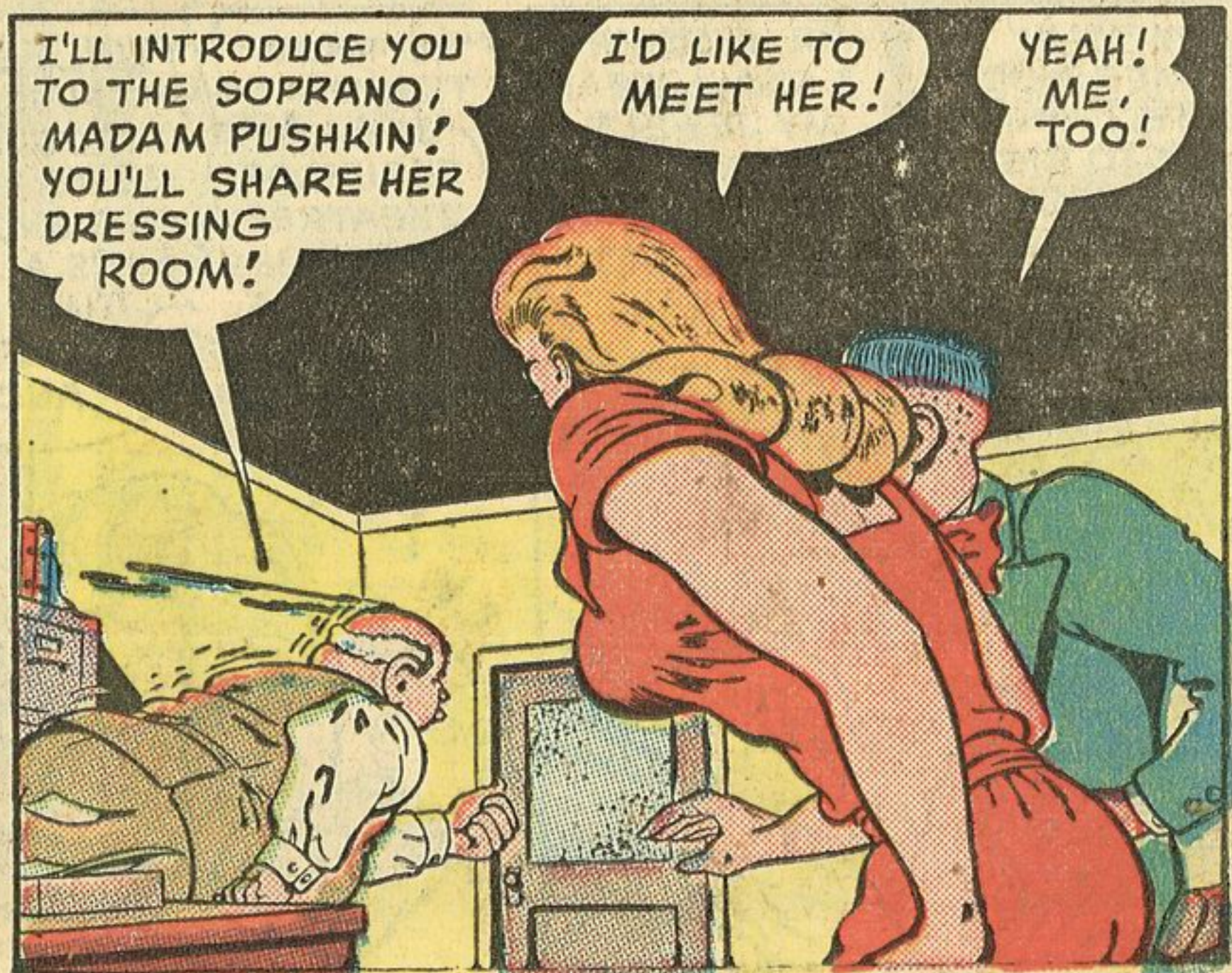
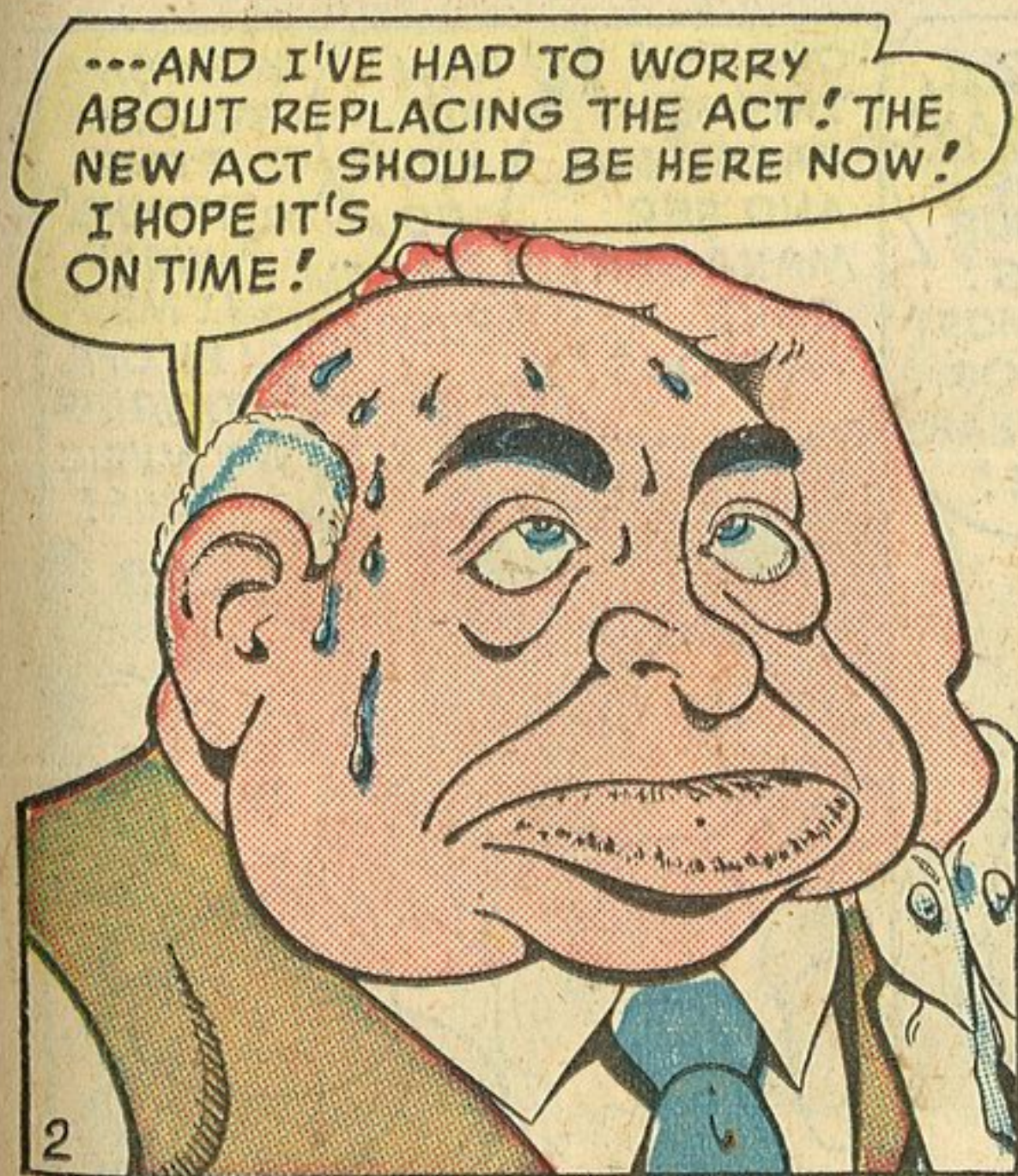
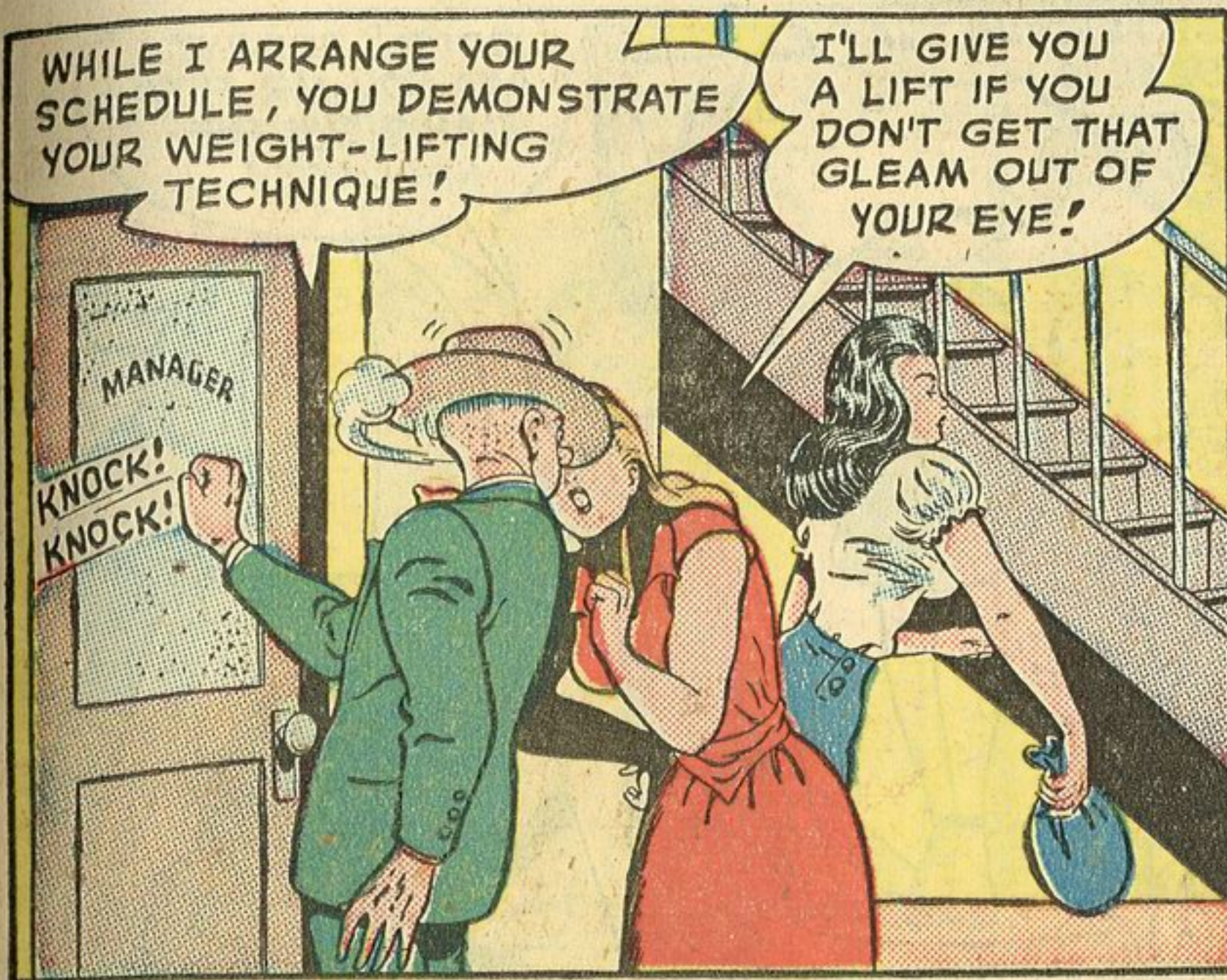




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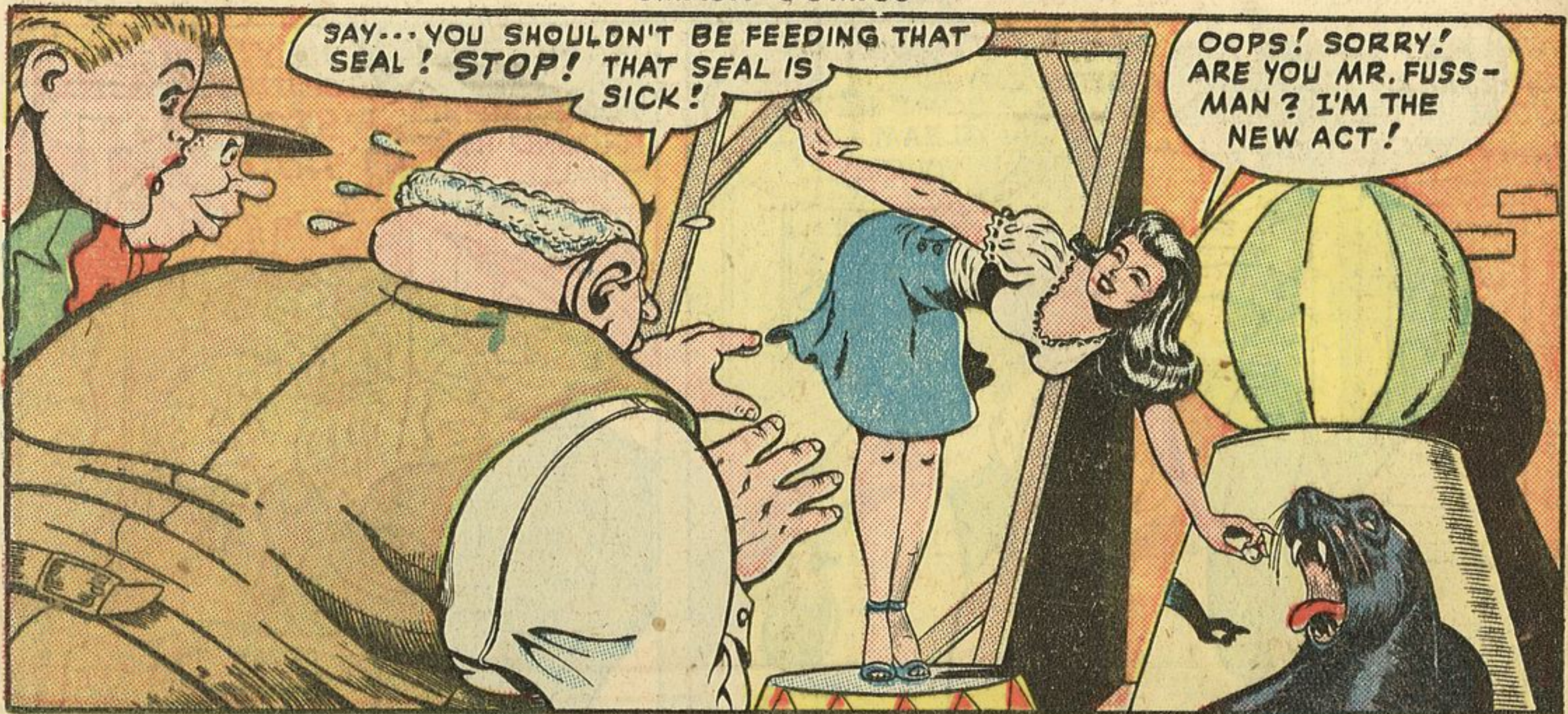




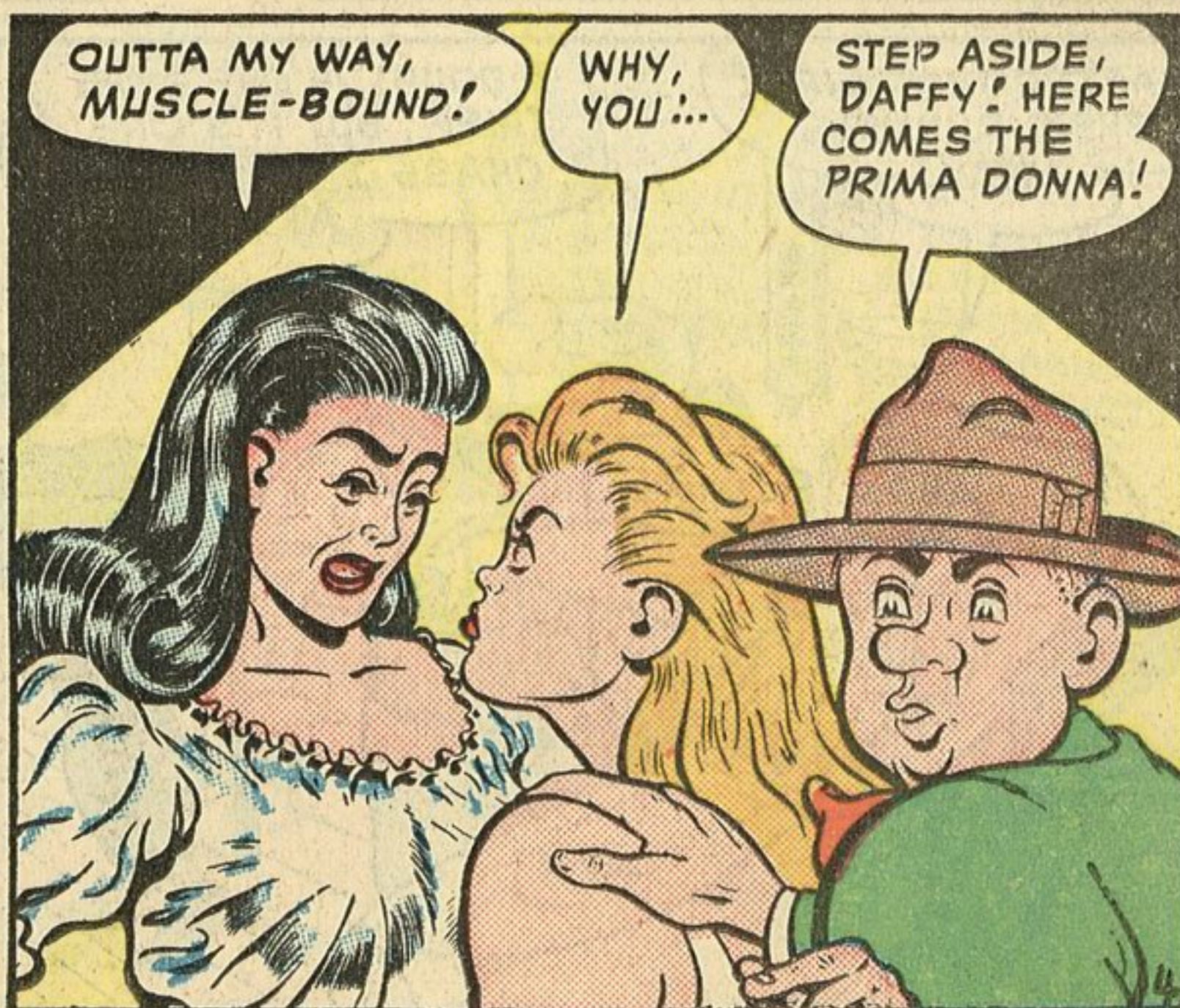
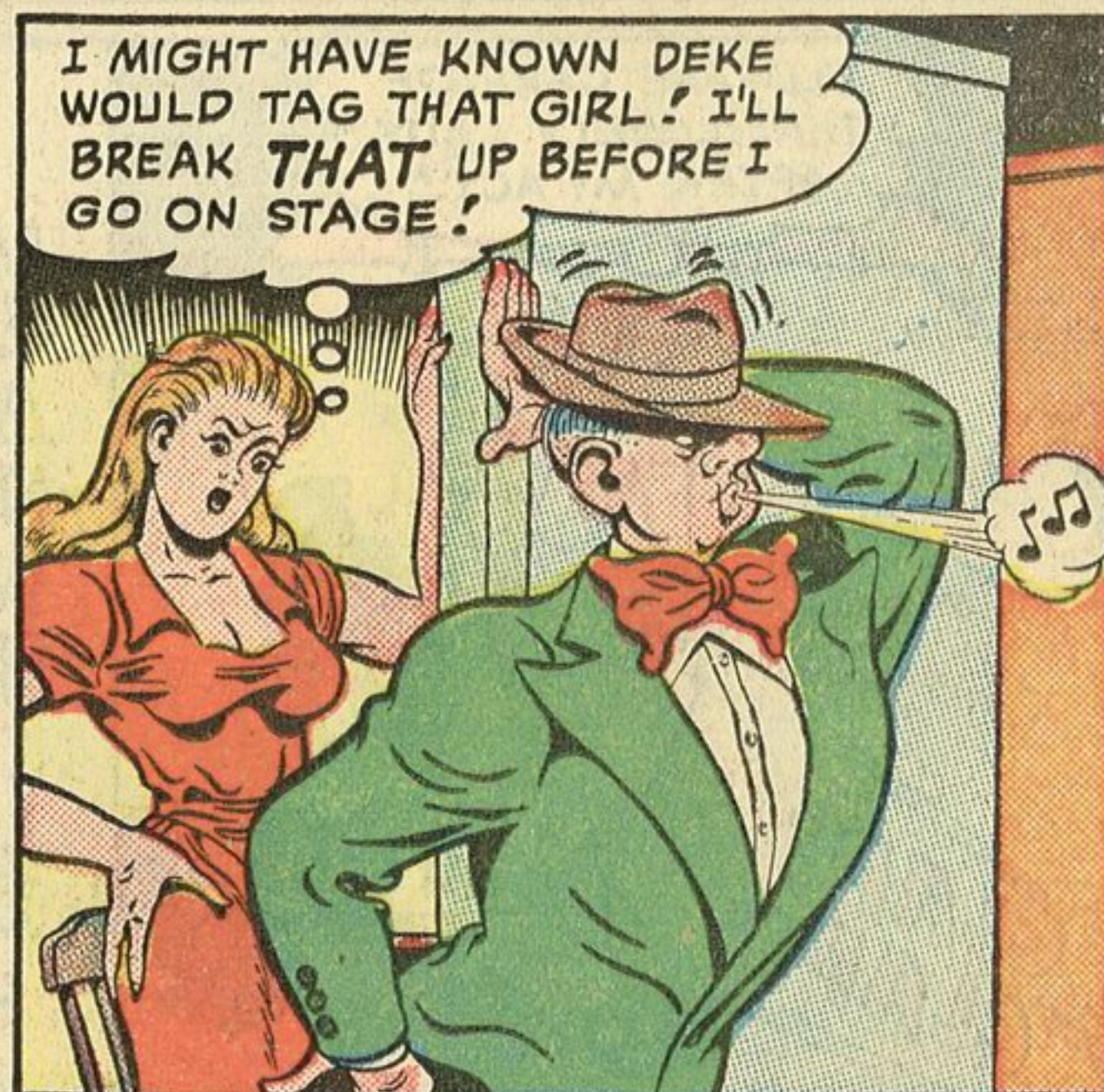
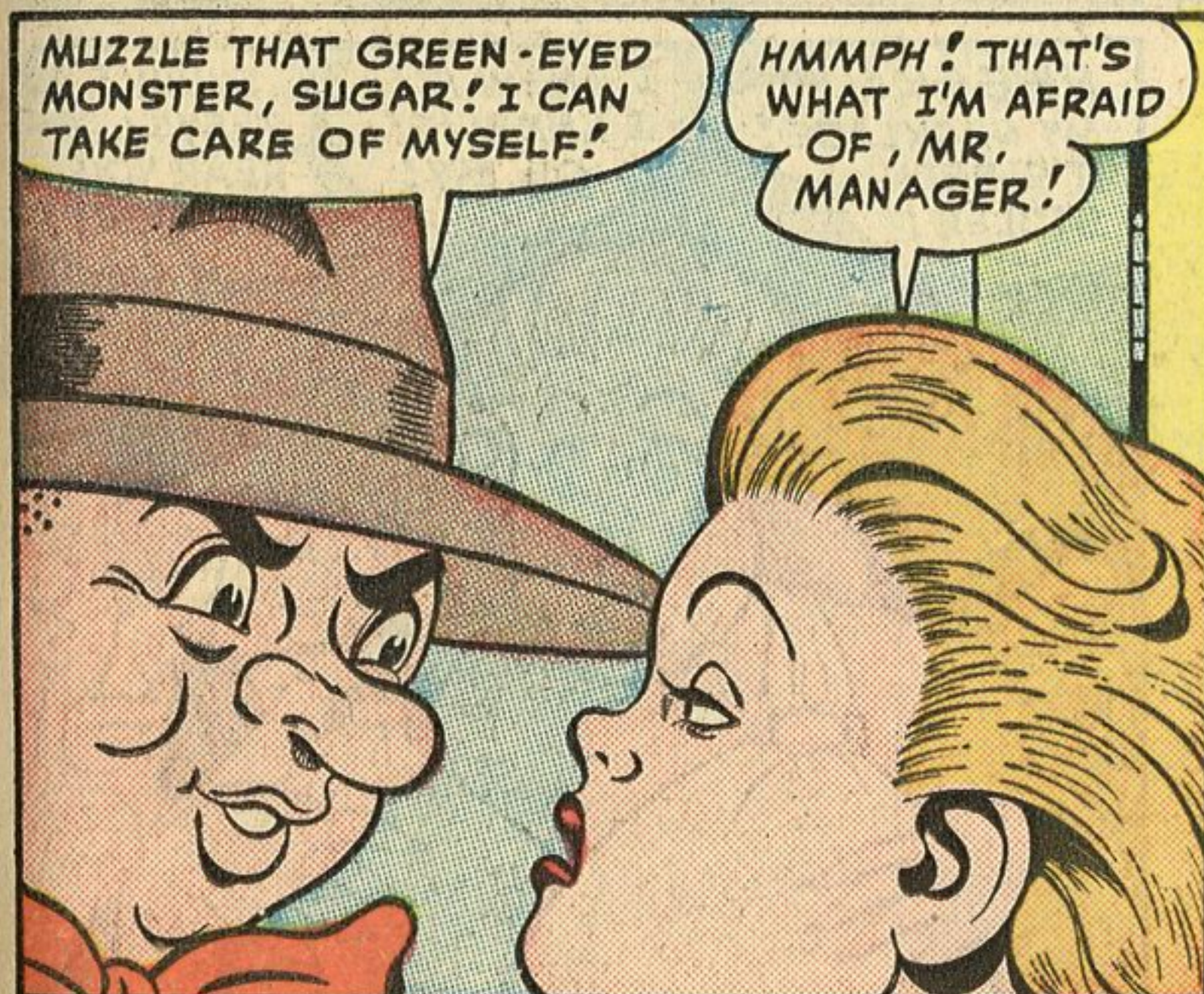
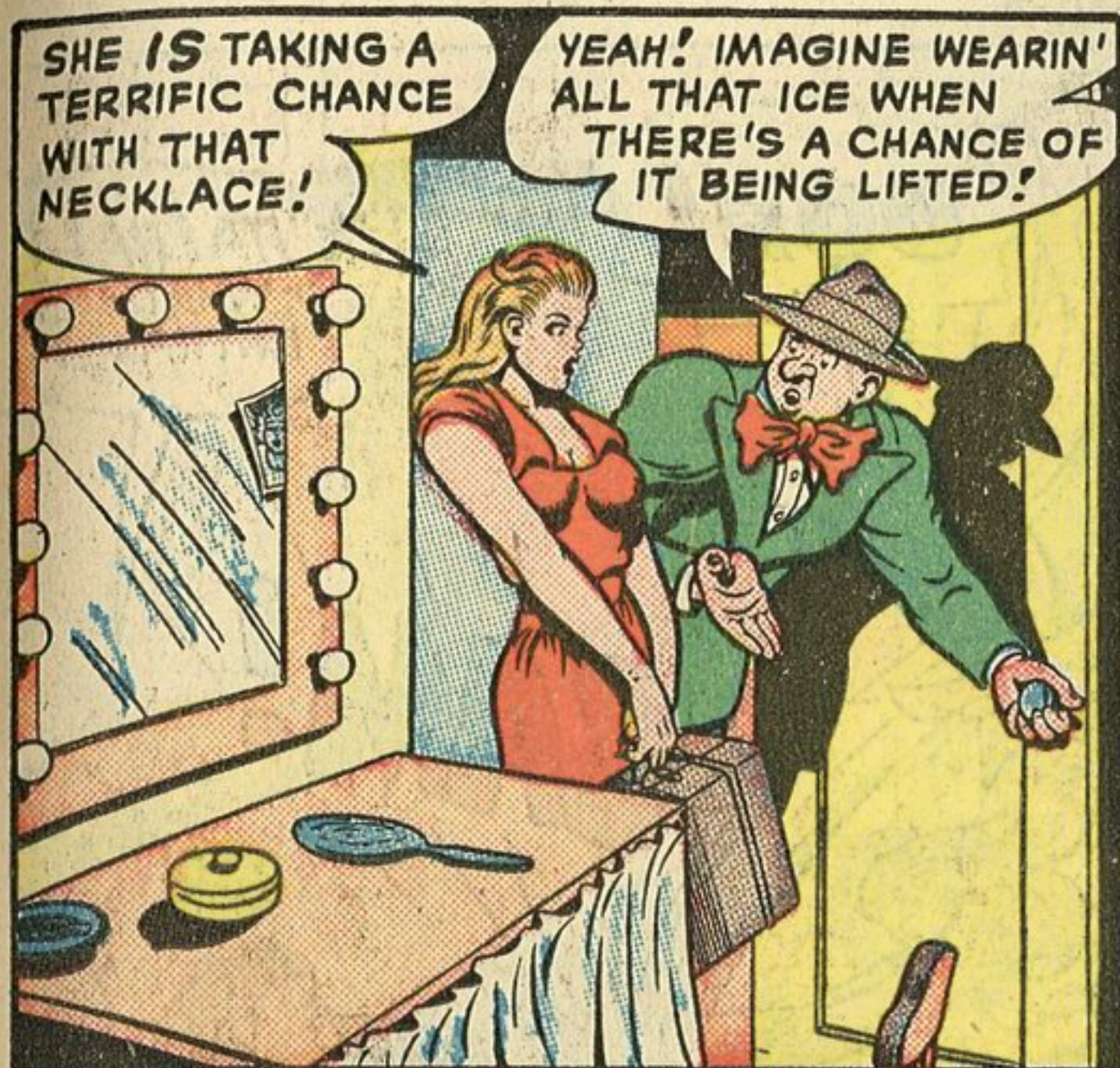




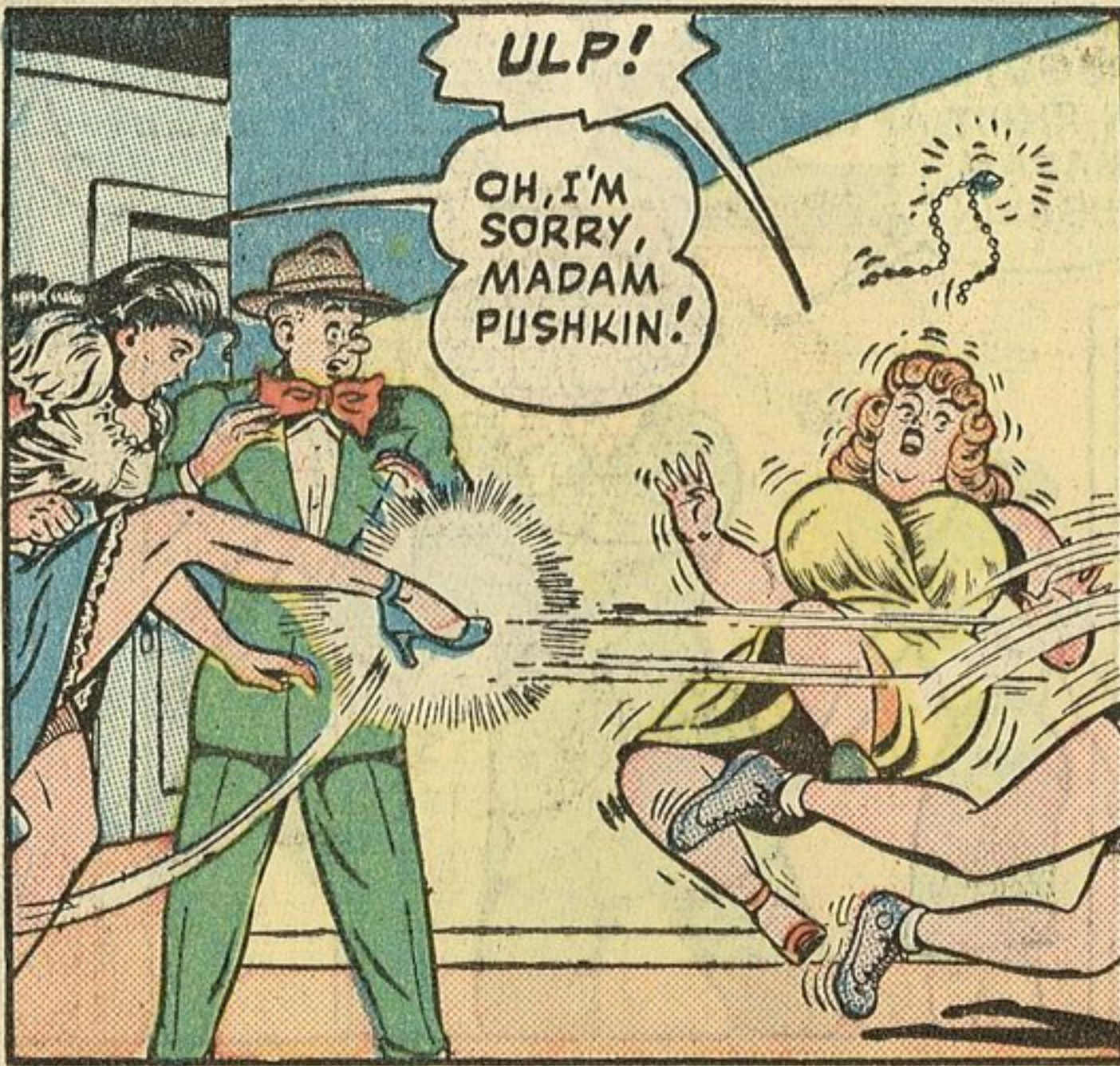
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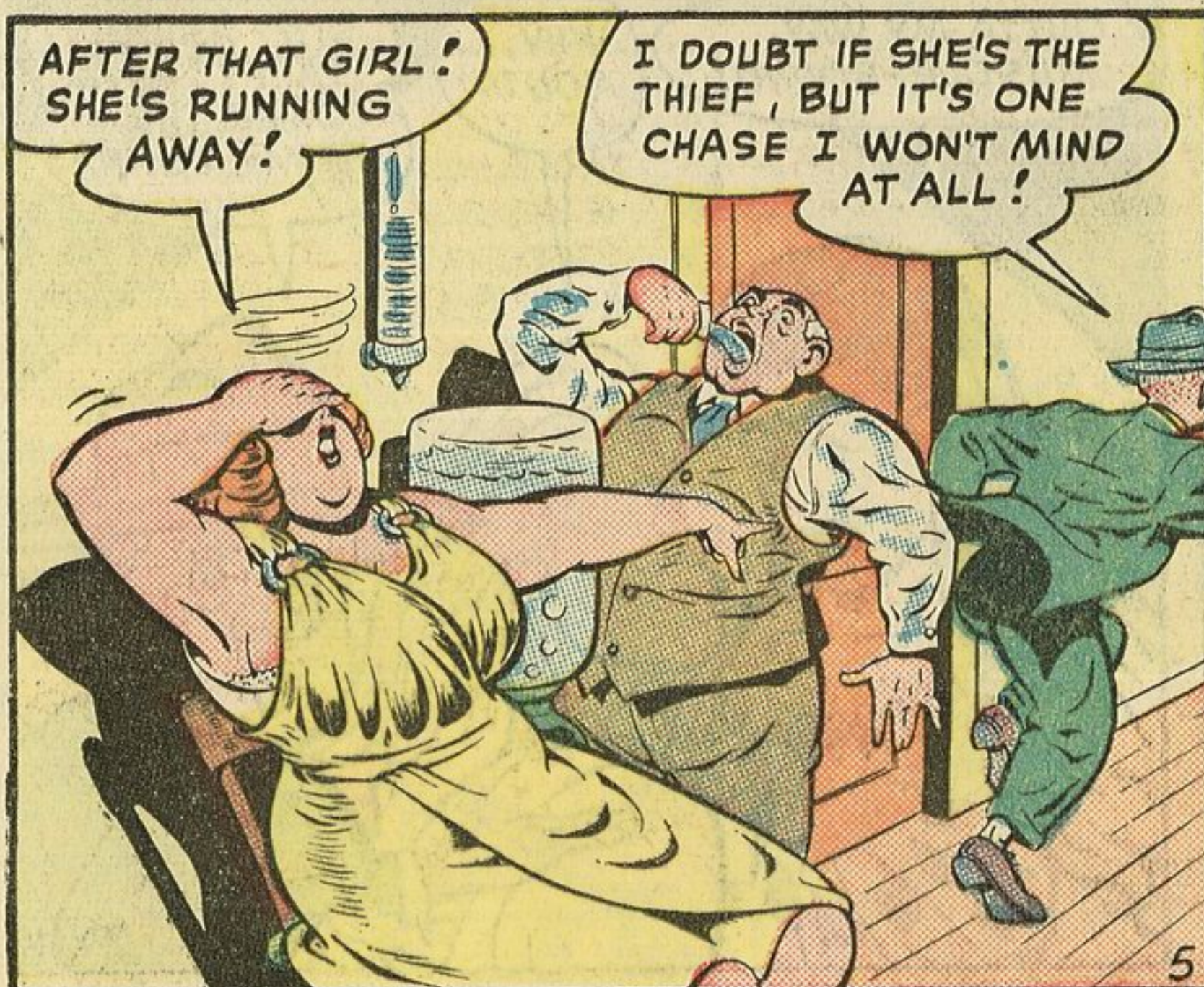




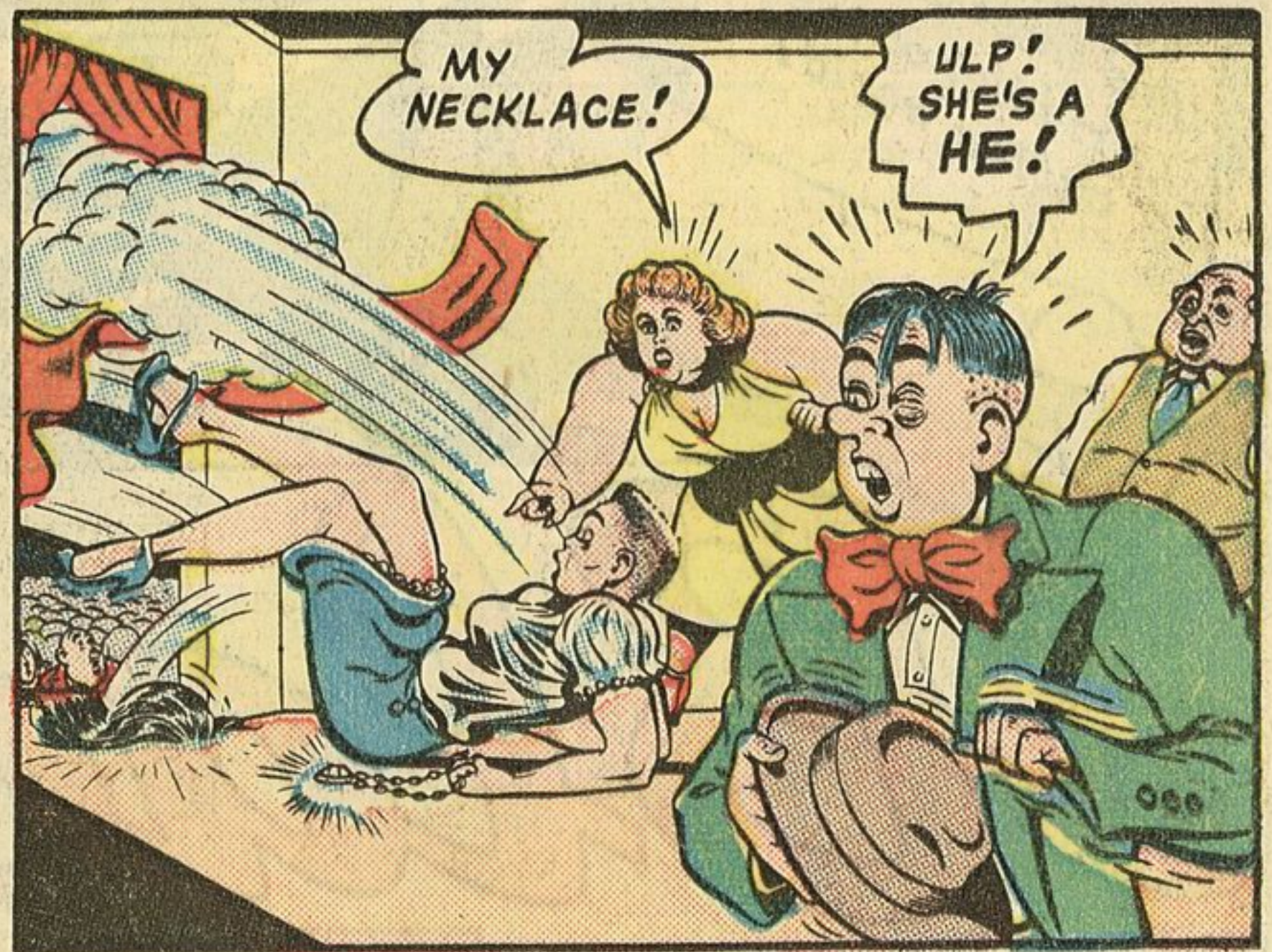
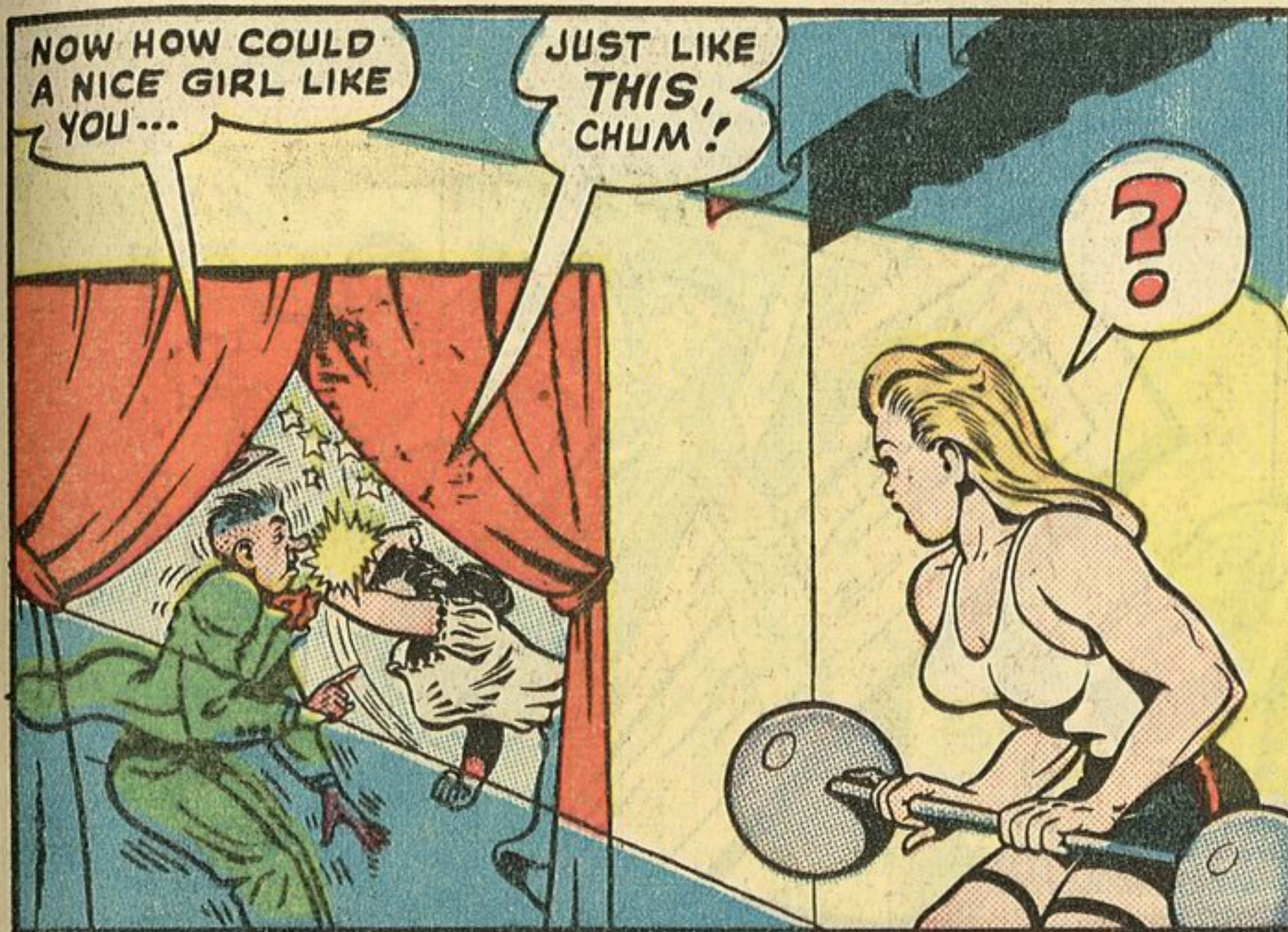




MEANWHILE...











# Black X

Night, and in a pleasure palace of society.....

BLACK X, YOU CALL HIM? QUITE ATTRACTIVE, AND SO DISTINGUISHED WITH THAT MONOCLE IN HIS EYE!

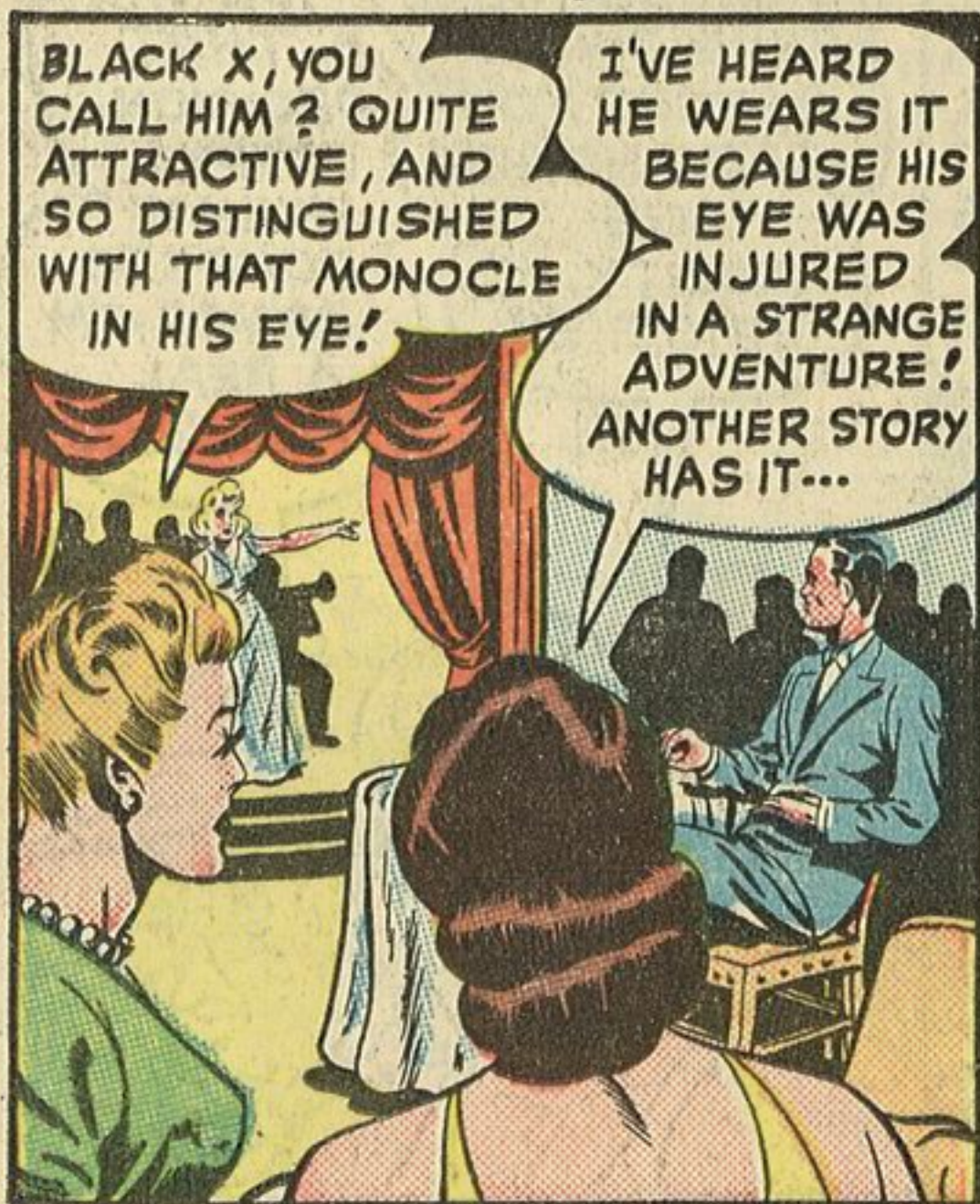
I'VE HEARD HE WEARS IT BECAUSE HIS EYE WAS INJURED IN A STRANGE ADVENTURE! ANOTHER STORY HAS IT...

...THAT THE GLASS MAGNIFIES AND PENETRATES STRANGELY.... EXPOSES SECRETS TO HIM!

LOOK! THAT DARK MAN IN A TURBAN WHISPERING TO HIM!

IT'S HIS HENCHMAN, BATU, COME TO CALL HIM AWAY!

TO SOME FASHIONABLE PARTY, NO DOUBT!







AH, MY FRIEND... POLICE INSPECTOR BEEF BURTON! IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE CALLED FROM MY TABLE BY YOU, BEEF!

YOU MAY NOT THINK SO, BLACK X... WHEN I SAY THAT I'M TAKING YOU TO HEADQUARTERS FOR INVESTIGATION!



AN UNIDENTIFIED MAN WAS SHOT DEAD AT 13TH AND OAK TERRACE! IN HIS POCKET WAS A PAPER WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS!

COME ON, BEEF! LET'S GO TO 13TH AND OAK AND FOLLOW THE TRAIL!



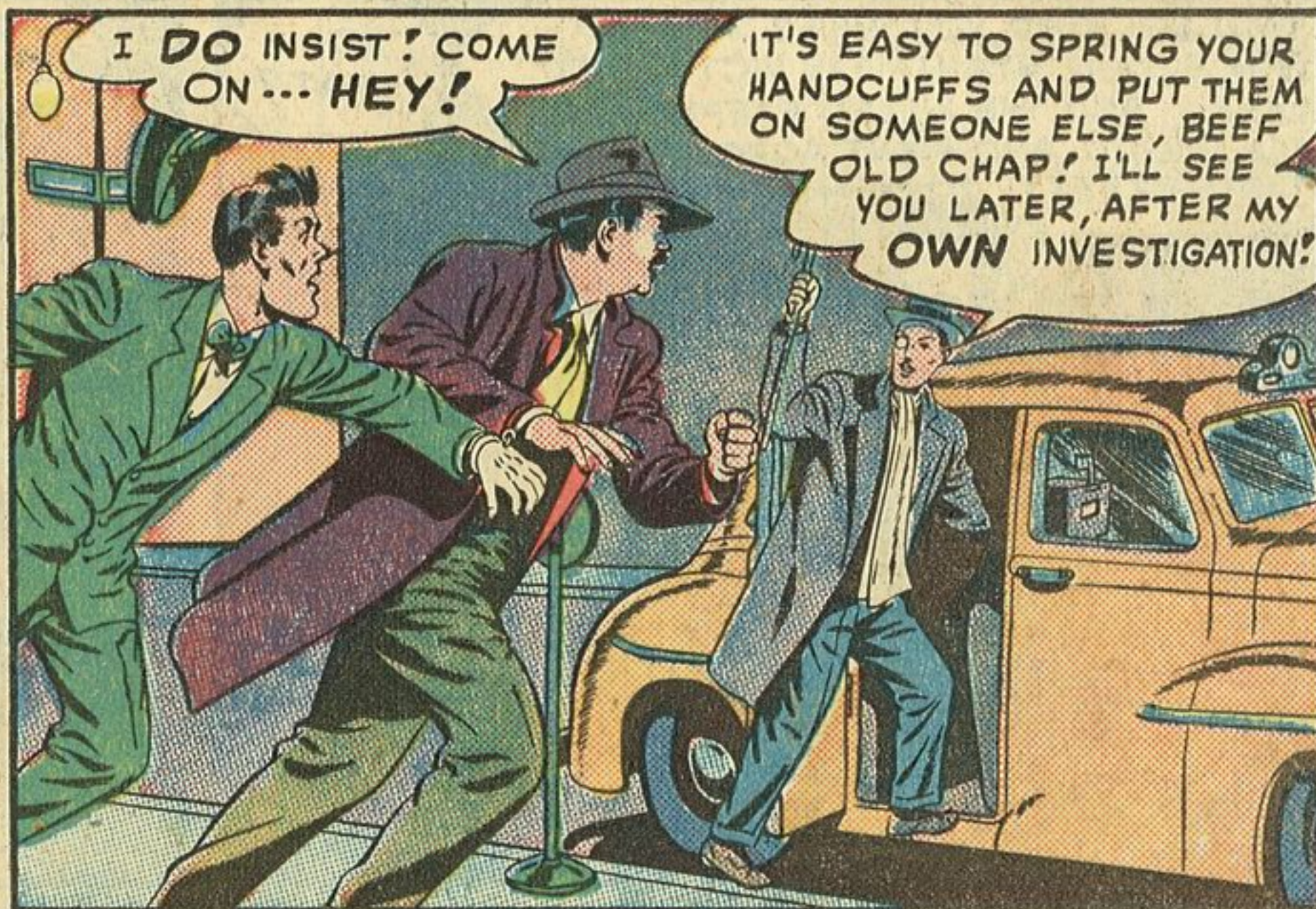
BUT IT'S REGULATION TO QUESTION YOU FIRST! IT'S ALSO REGULATION TO PUT THE NIPPERS ON YOU!

GENTLEMEN! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?



NEVER MIND, DOORMAN! POLICE BUSINESS, AND I'LL HANDLE IT ALONE!

IF YOU INSIST ON DRAGGING A CHAINED CAPTIVE TO YOUR OFFICE, BEEF...



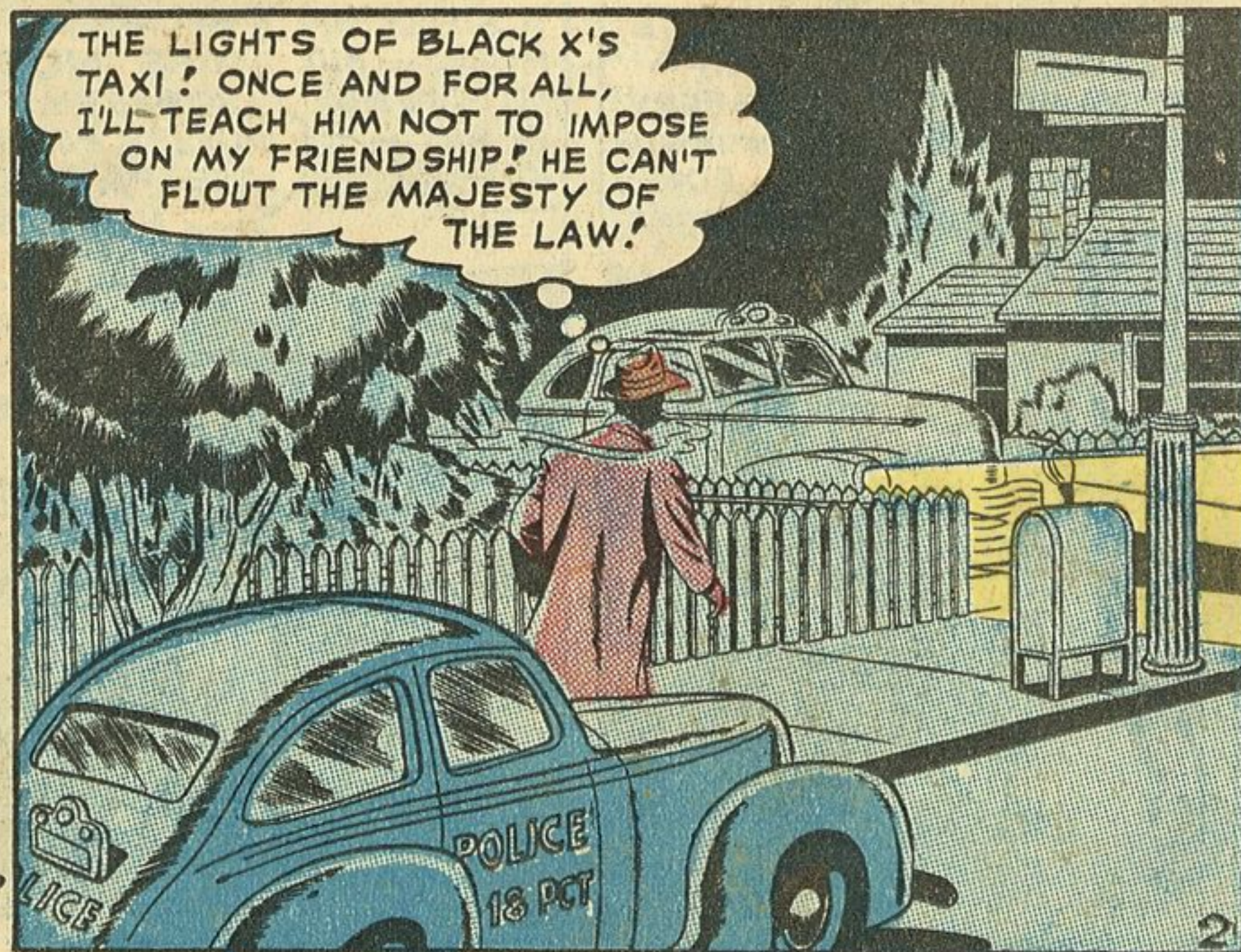
I DO INSIST! COME ON... HEY!

IT'S EASY TO SPRING YOUR HANDCUFFS AND PUT THEM ON SOMEONE ELSE, BEEF OLD CHAP! I'LL SEE YOU LATER, AFTER MY OWN INVESTIGATION!



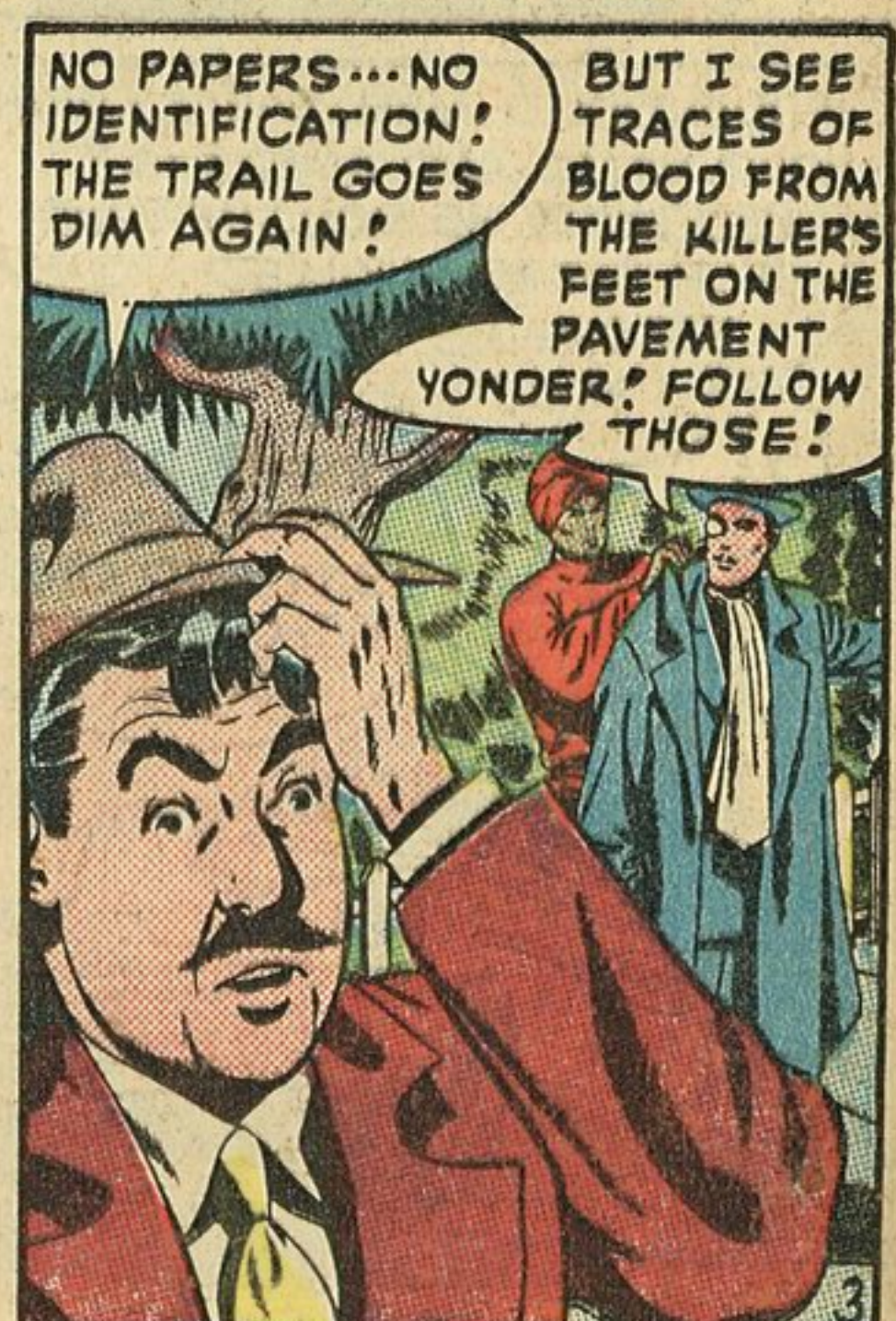
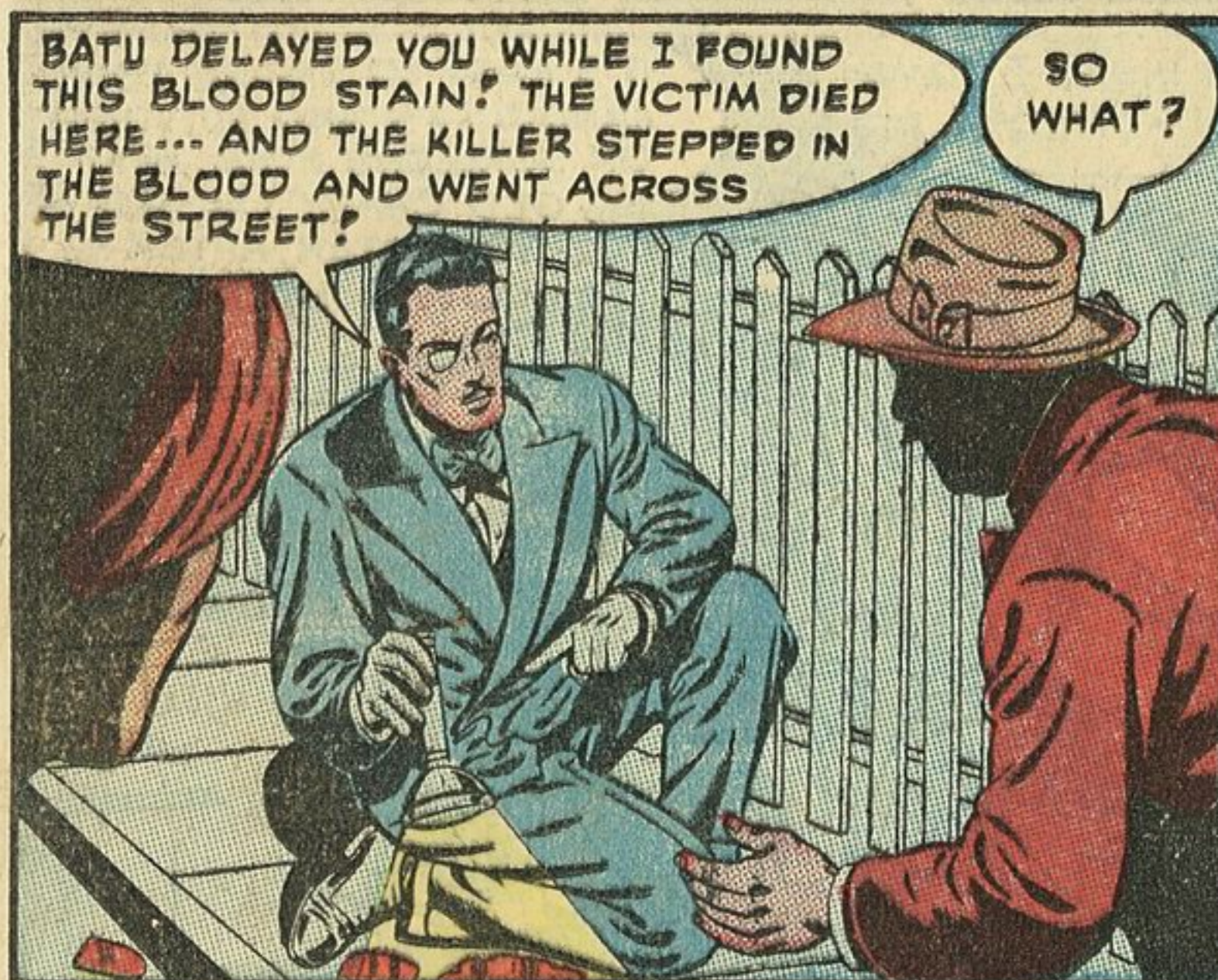
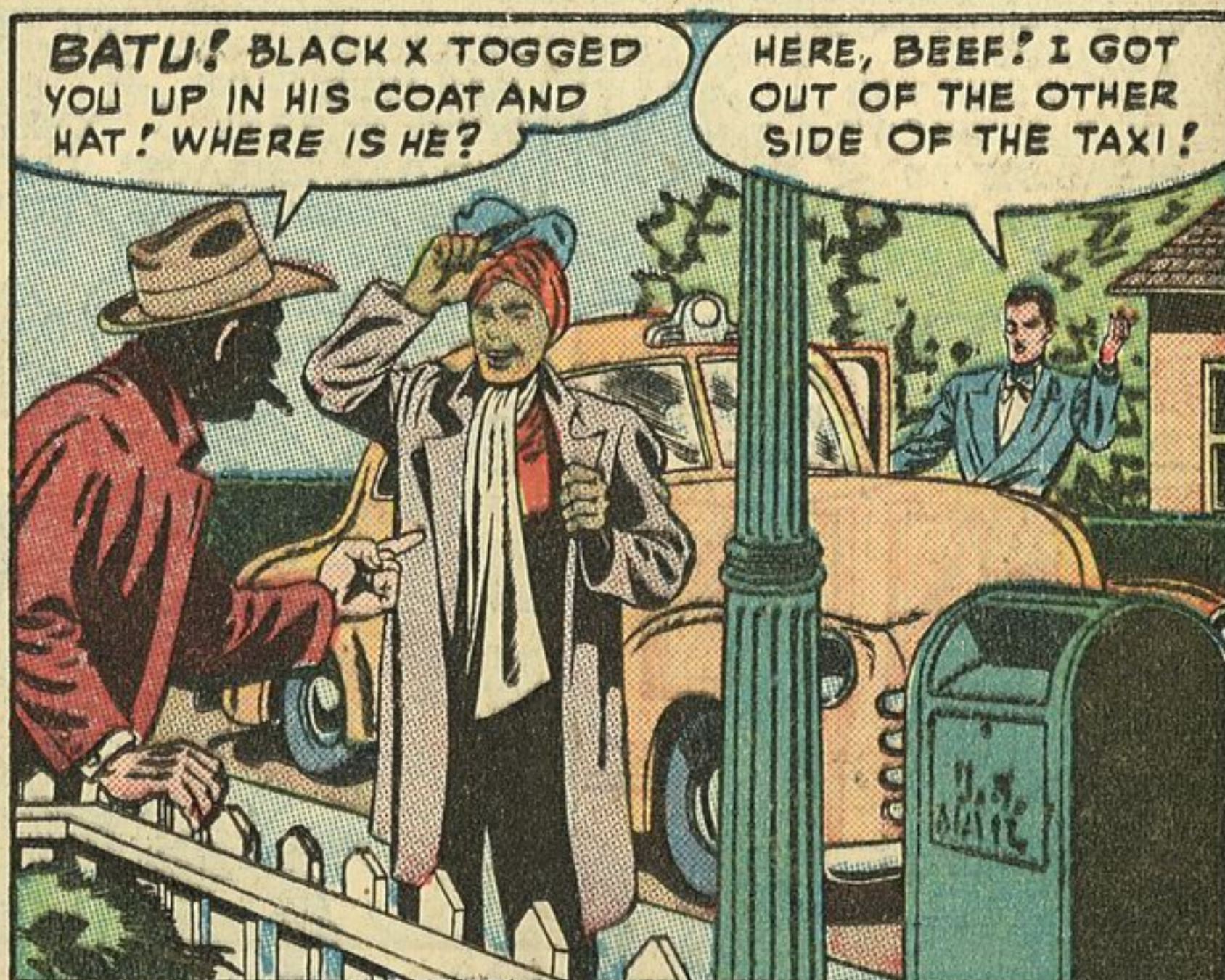
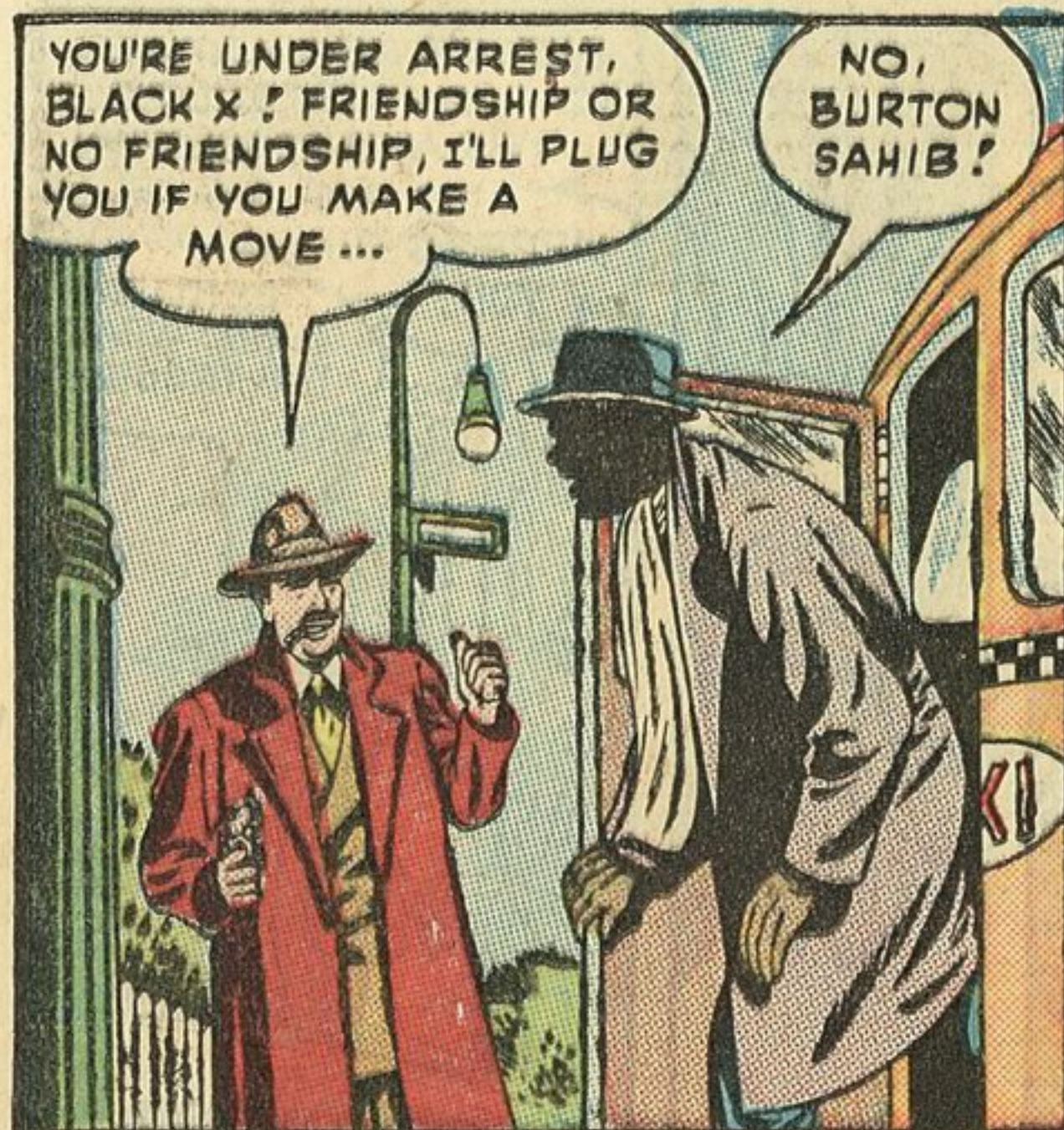
UNIDENTIFIED MAN, SAHIB? WITH YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS? PROBABLY HE SOUGHT YOUR HELP BUT WAS KILLED BEFORE HE REACHED YOU!

RIGHT, BATU! I HOPE WE REACH 13TH AND OAK BEFORE BEEF BURTON!



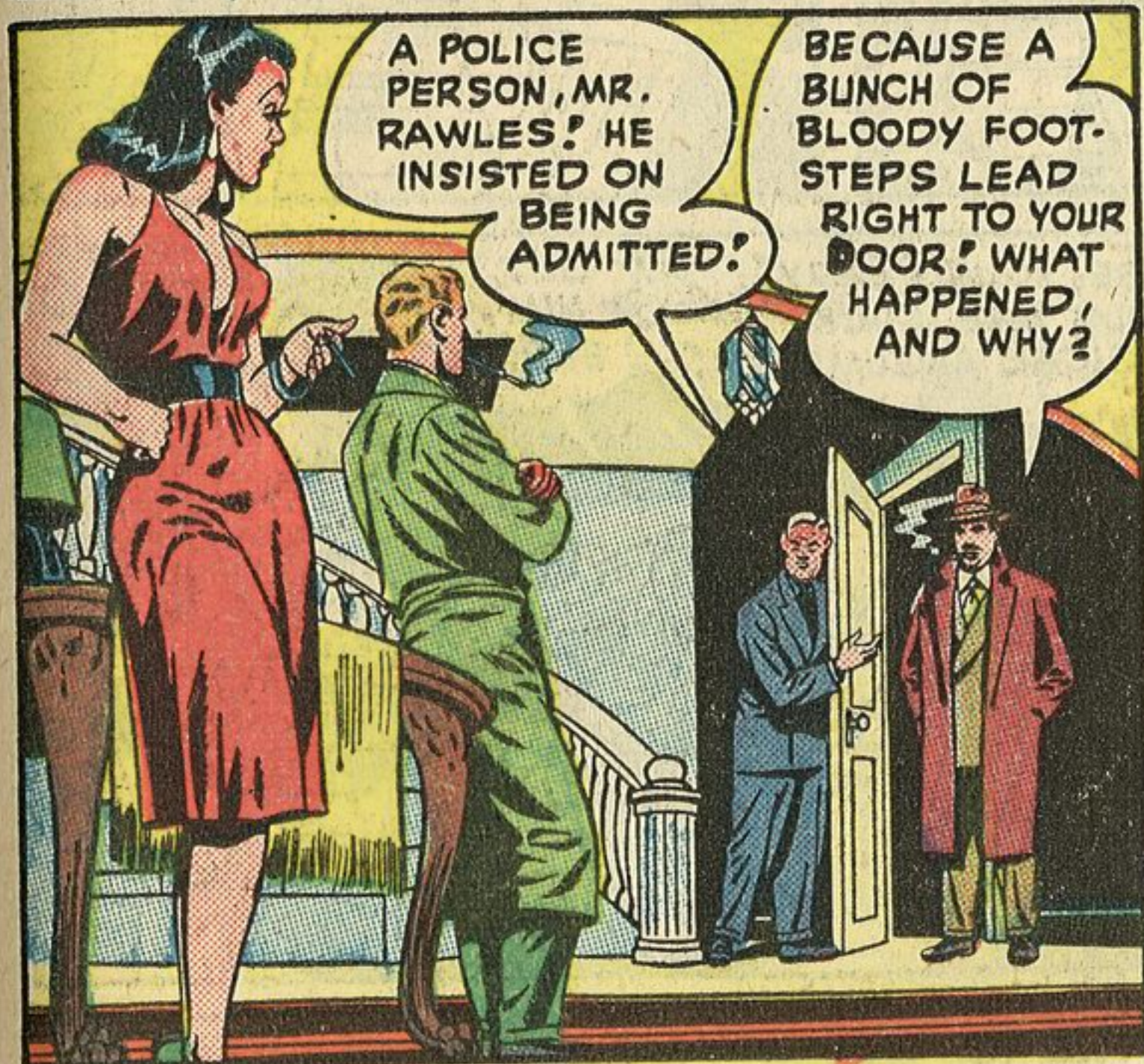
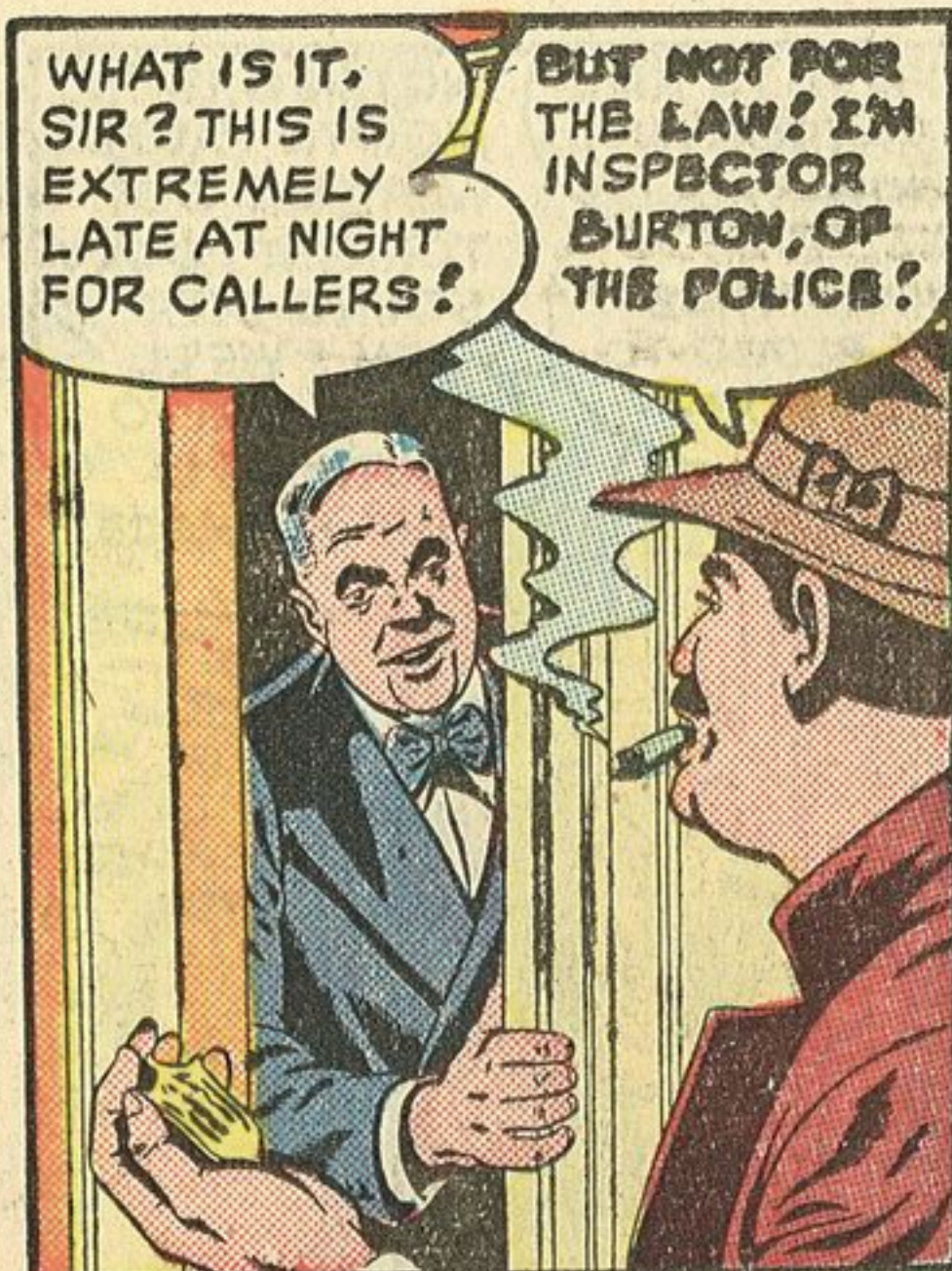
THE LIGHTS OF BLACK X'S TAXI! ONCE AND FOR ALL, I'LL TEACH HIM NOT TO IMPOSE ON MY FRIENDSHIP! HE CAN'T FLOUT THE MAJESTY OF THE LAW!







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FIRST TO KILL MARROBYN, NOW THIS FELLOW! A HIGH PRICE IN BLOOD TO PAY FOR...

NOTHING IS TOO HIGH TO PAY FOR WHAT WE GOT TONIGHT! DOWN-STAIRS WITH HIM! WE'LL BURN HIM TO NOTHING IN THE FURNACE!



GOING TO STOKE THE FIRE WITH MY FRIEND BEEF? BUT I SAW WHERE THE TRAIL REALLY LED.... THROUGH THE MANHOLE INTO YOUR CELLAR HERE!

BLACK X! MARROBYN DID CONTACT HIM BEFORE YOU KILLED HIM, RAWLES!



RELEASE BURTON SAHIB, O SCORN OF SWINE!

OKAY! RAWLES KILLED MARROBYN OUT THERE... I'LL KILL THESE TWO IN HERE!



PLEASE, YOUNG LADY! PISTOLS ARE SUCH ILLOGICAL ARGUMENTS!

GET HIM, BEDDOES!



OH... WHO DROPPED THE PIANO FROM THAT WINDOW? I'LL SUE HIM FOR HIS LAST CENT!

SIT QUIETLY, BURTON SAHIB! THERE ARE A FEW MOMENTS OF FIGHTING TO BE DONE!

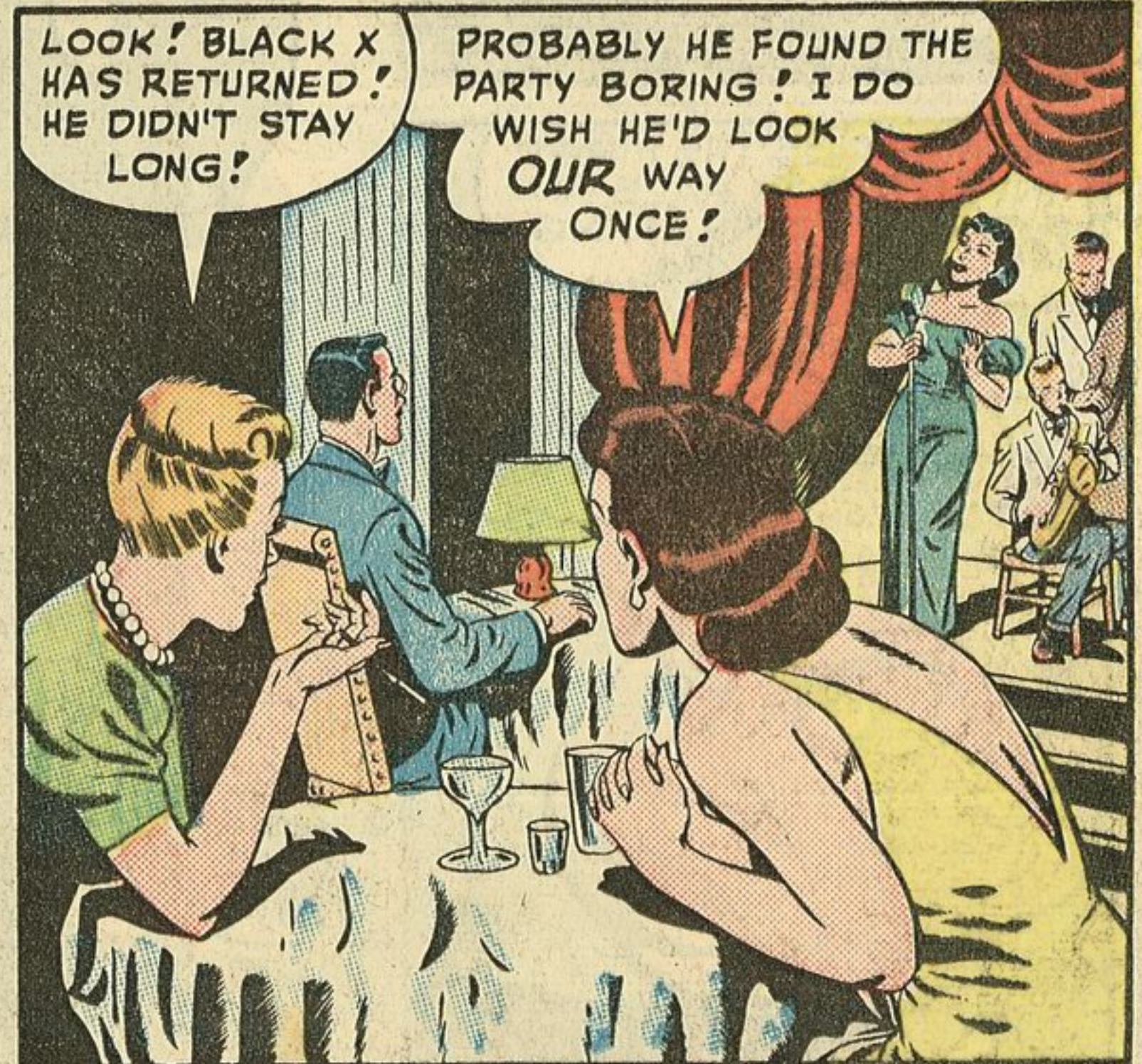
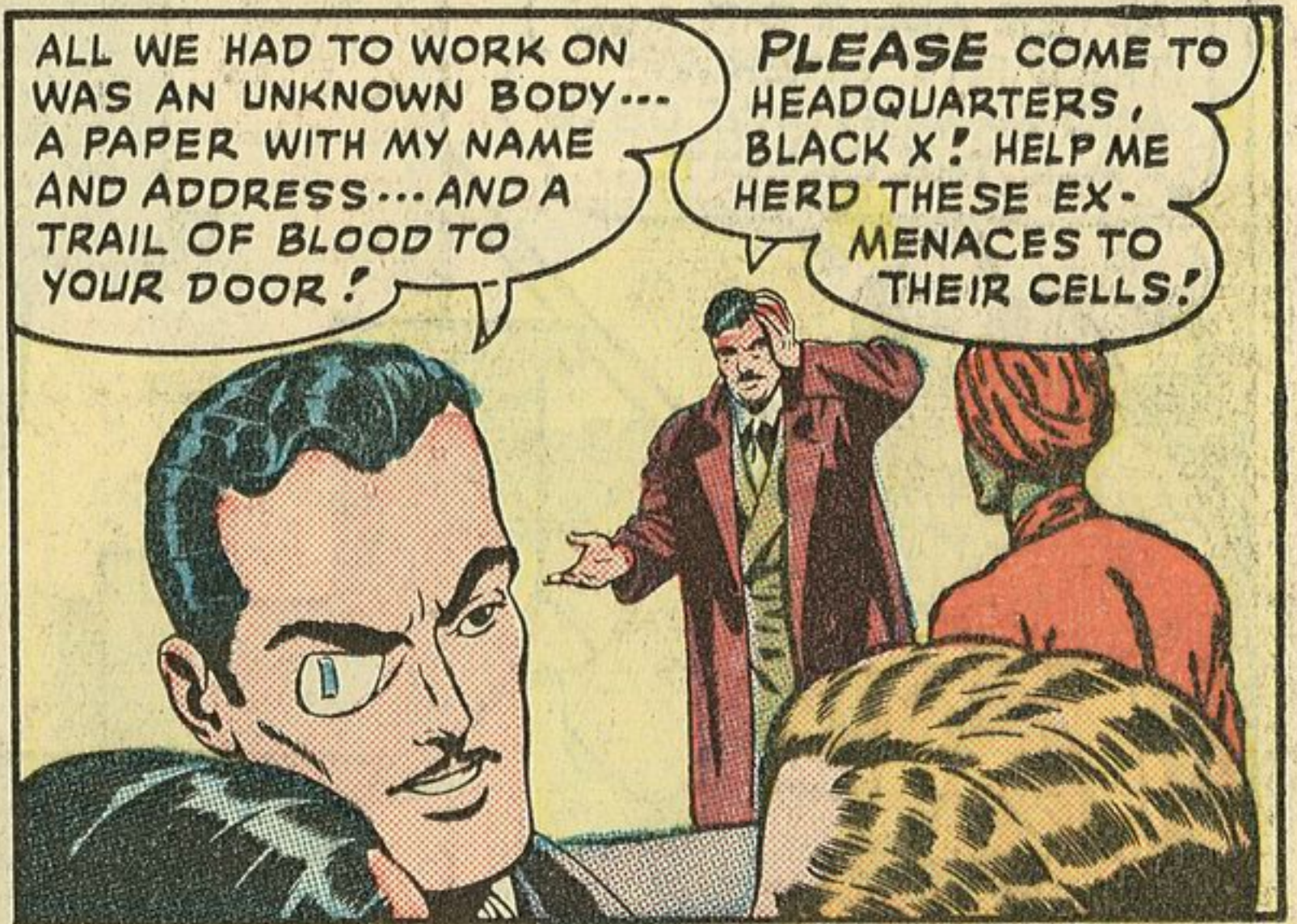
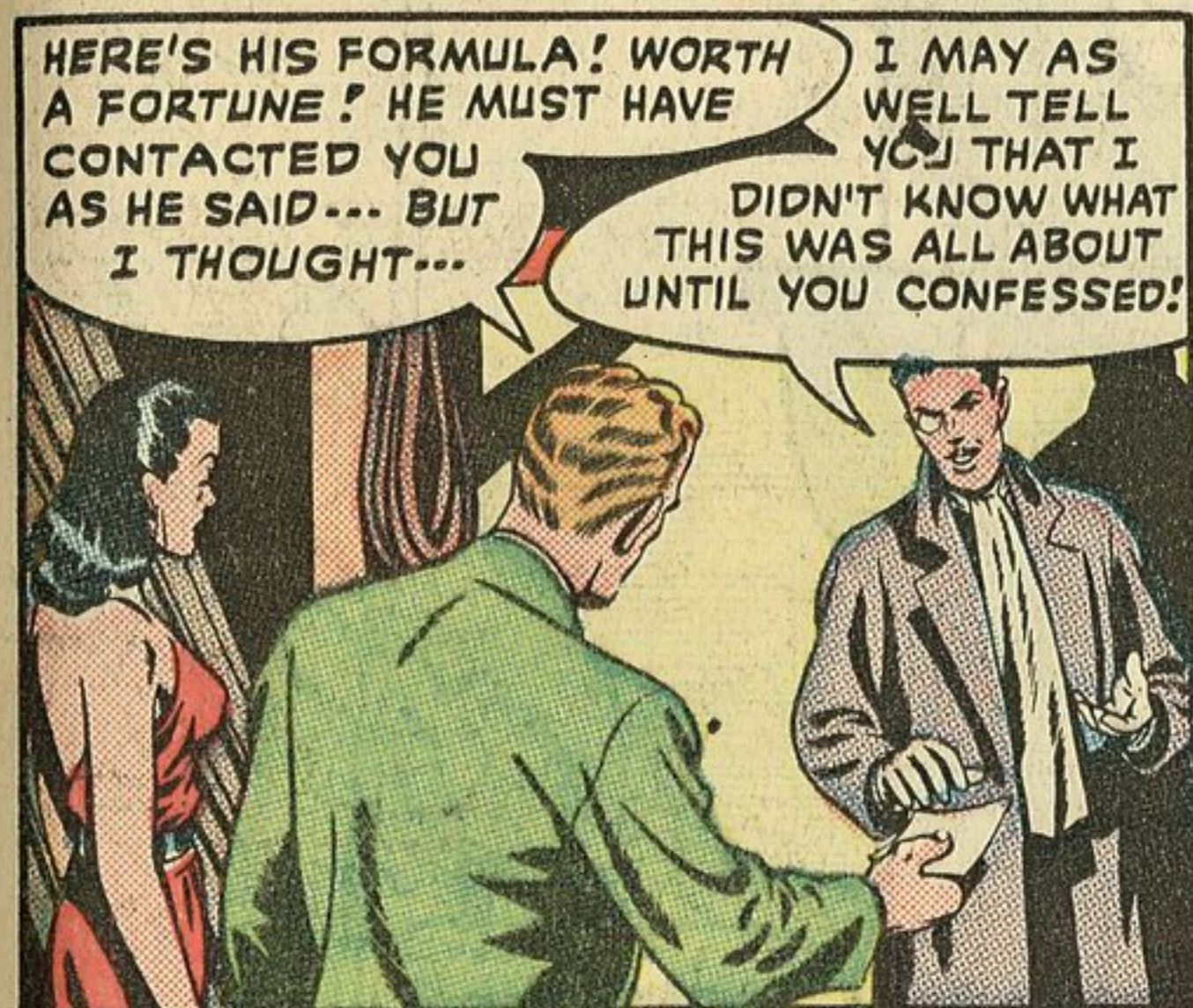
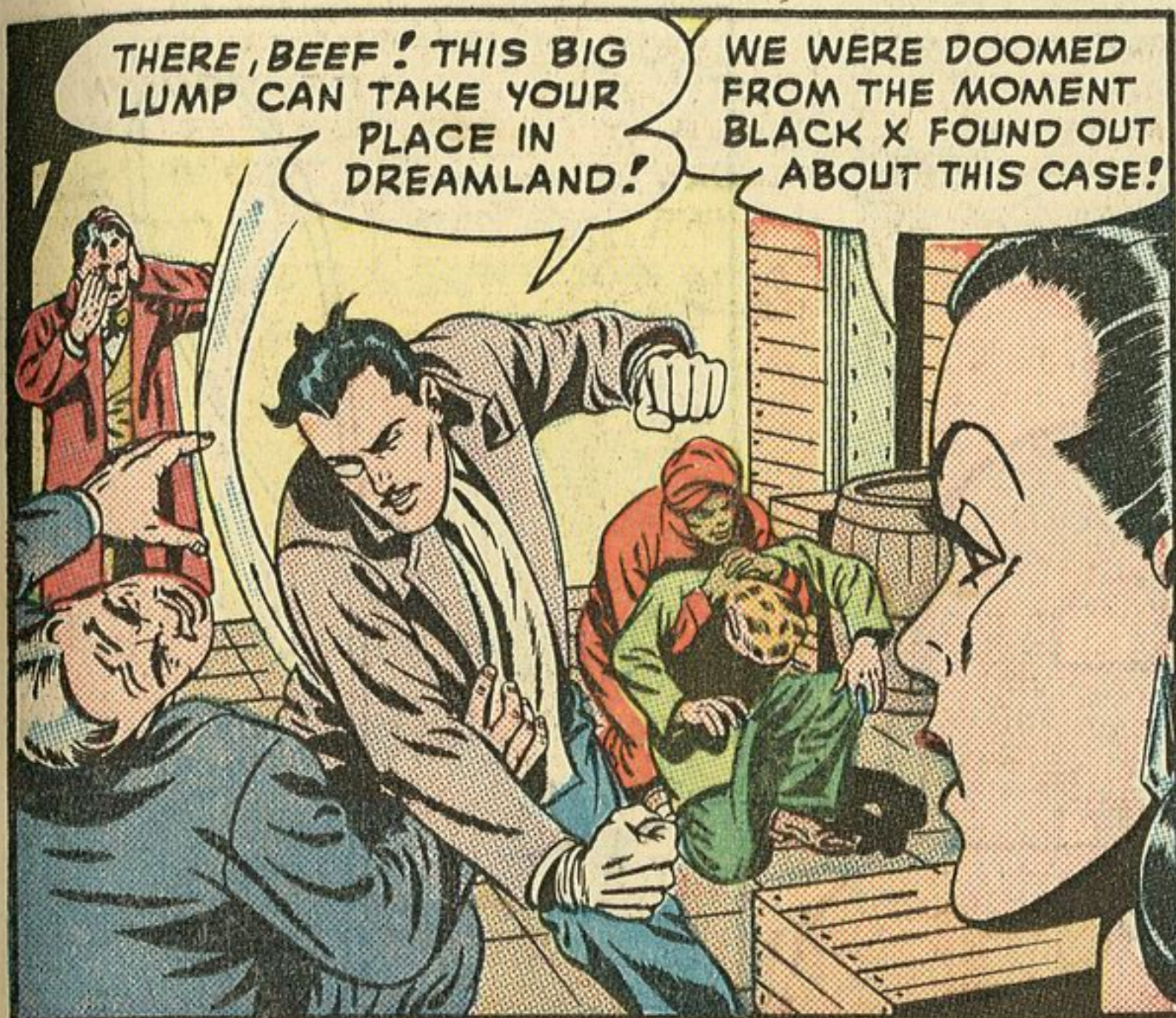


TWO TO ONE... IT IS NOT FAIR!

THEY WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND, BATU! THEY UNDERSTAND ONLY THESE ARGUMENTS!



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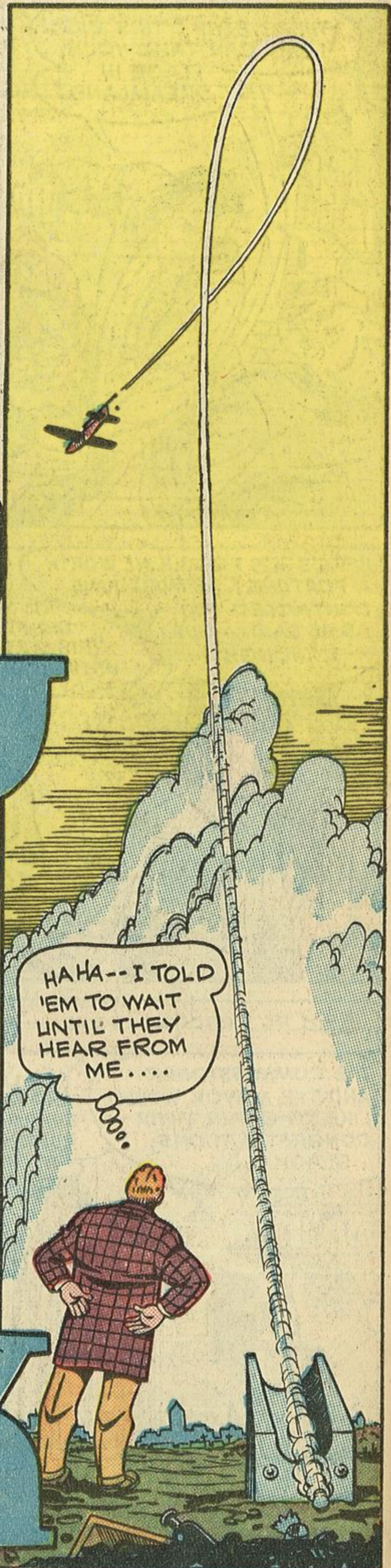




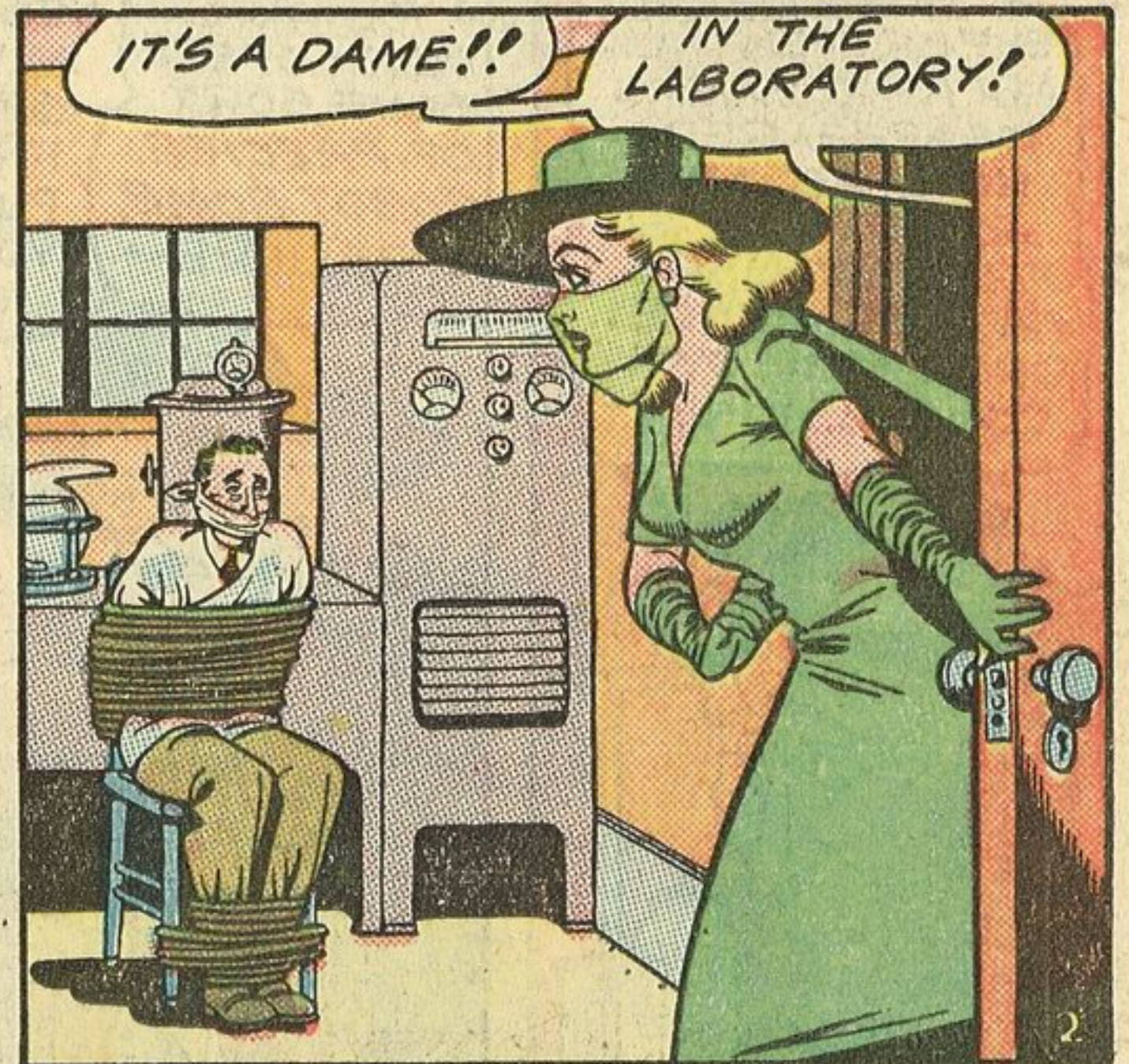
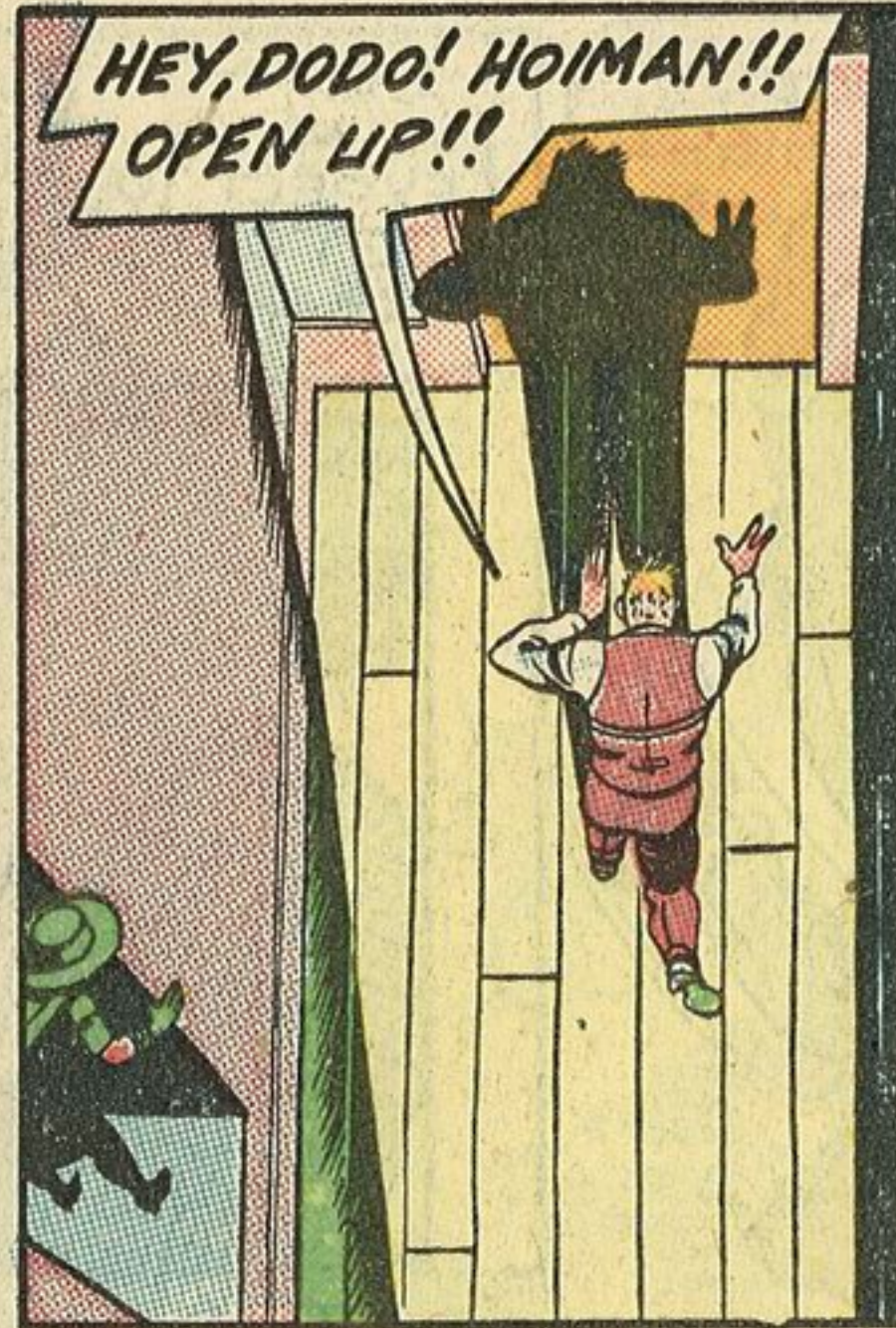
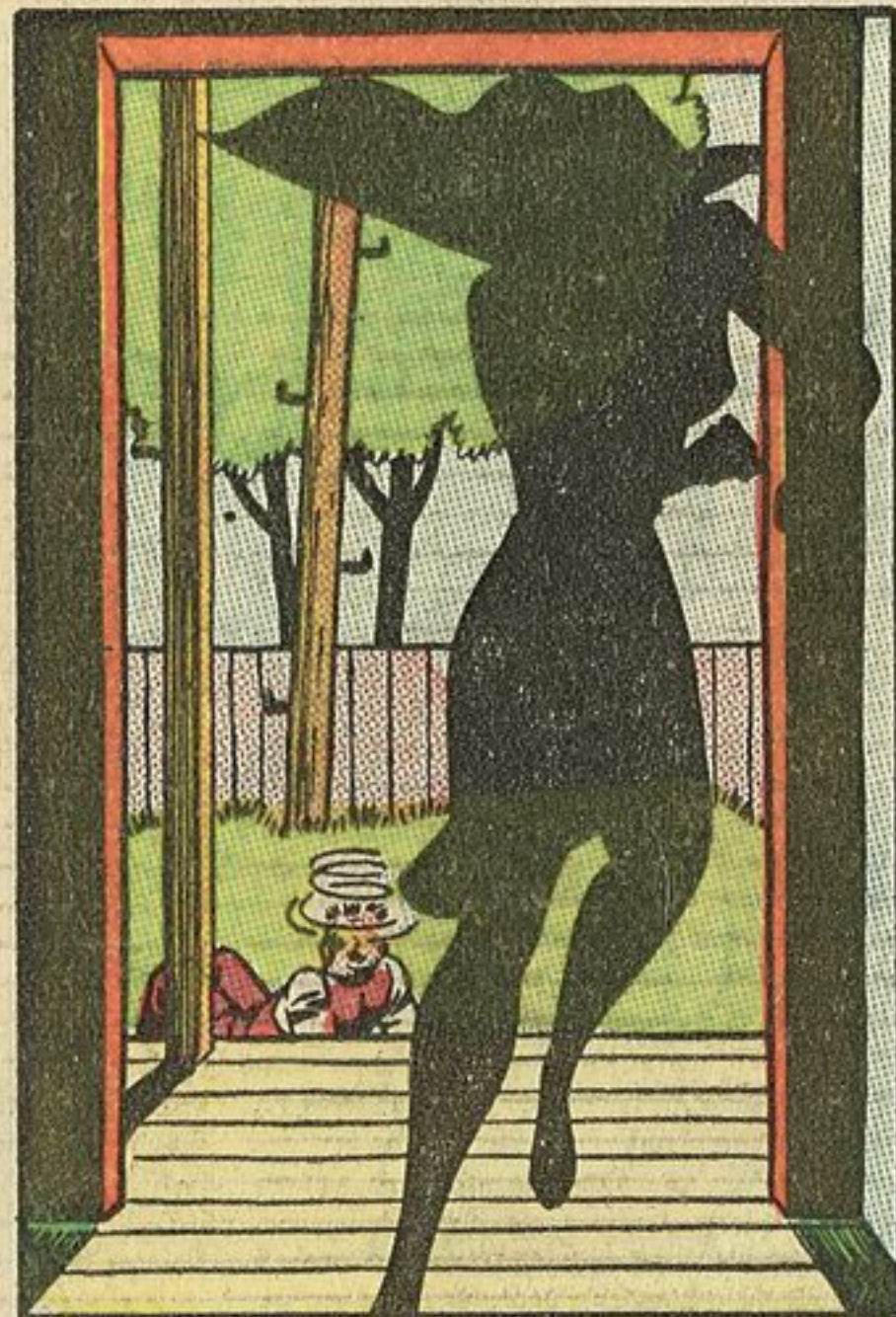
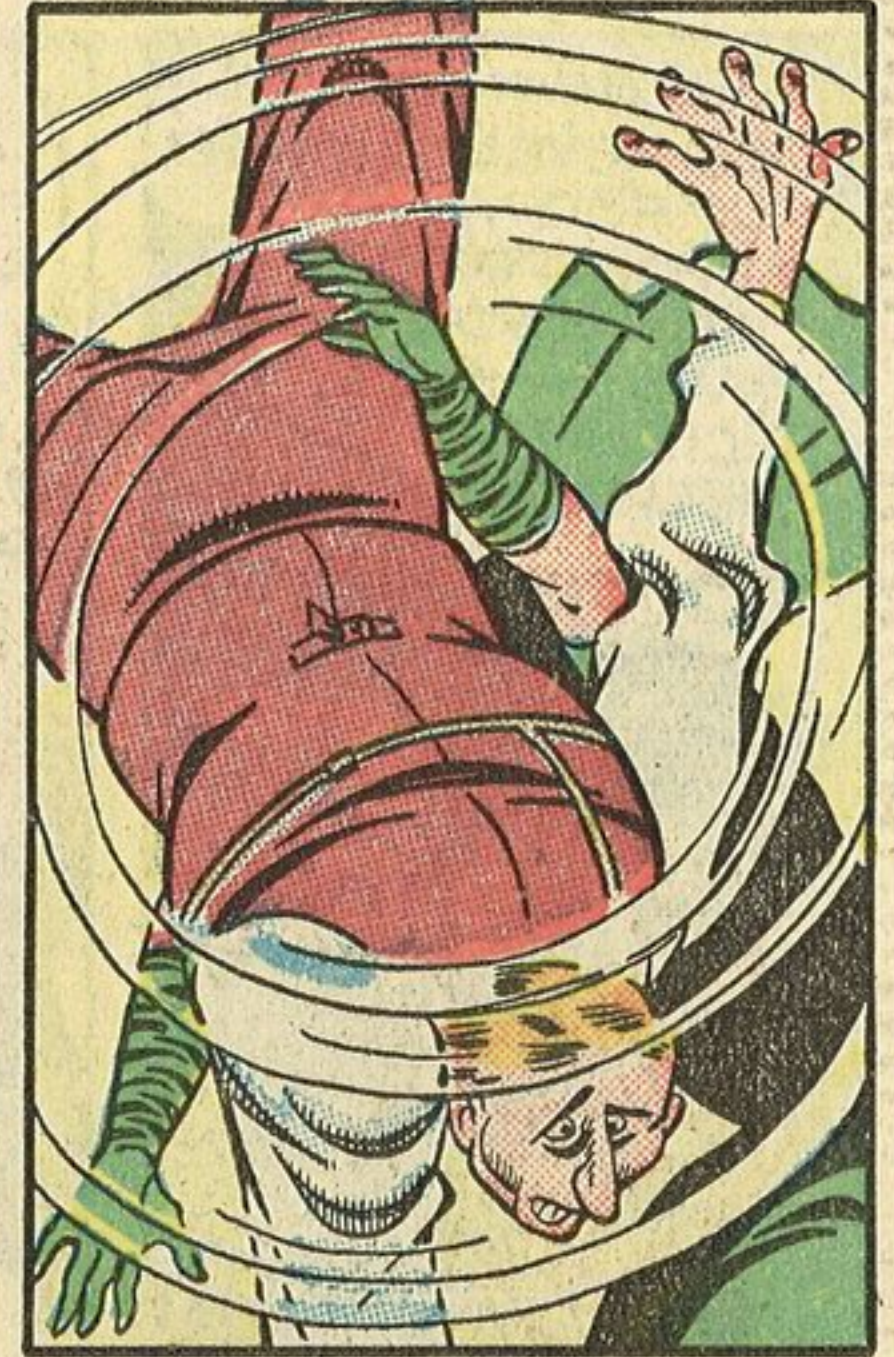


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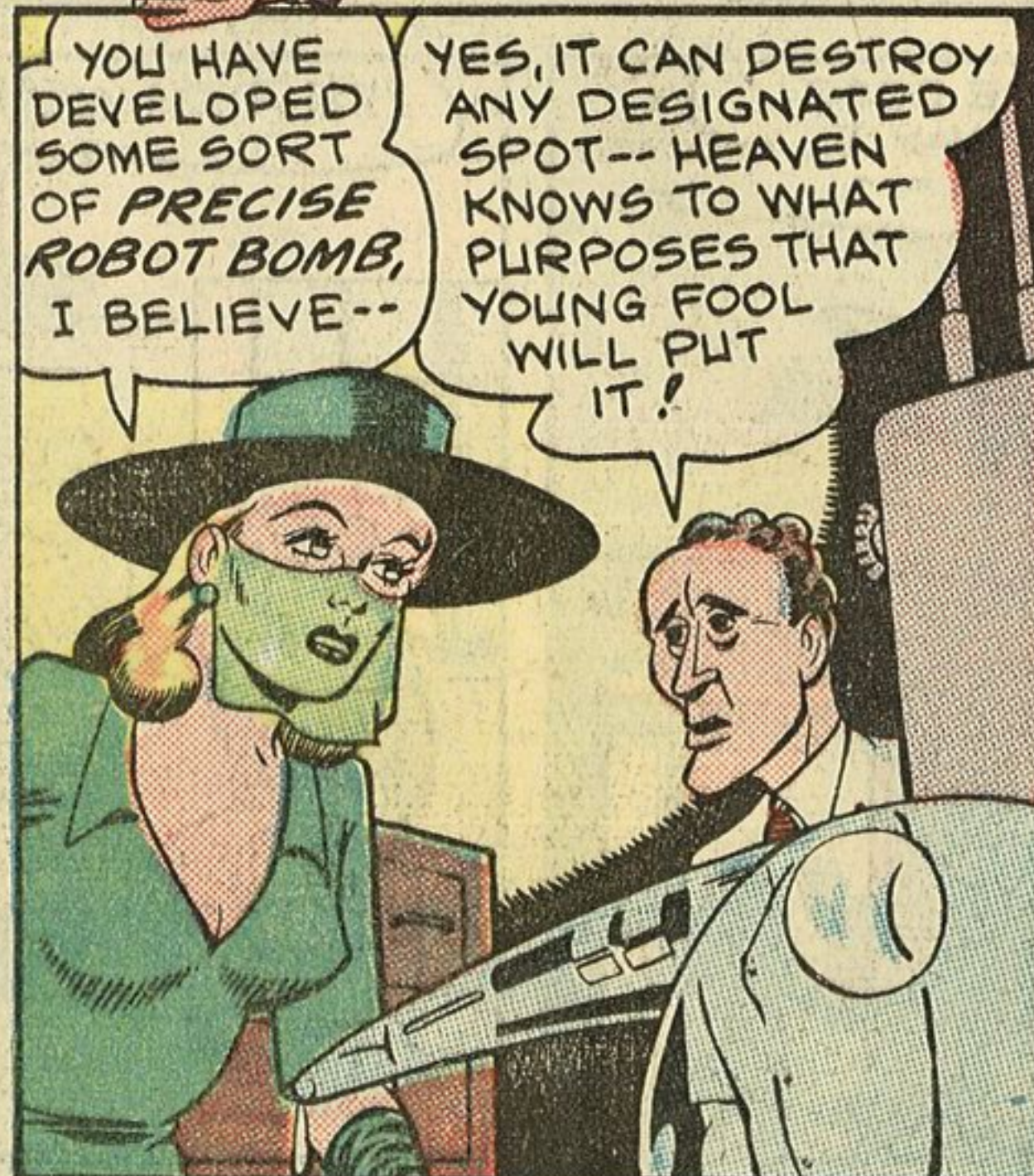
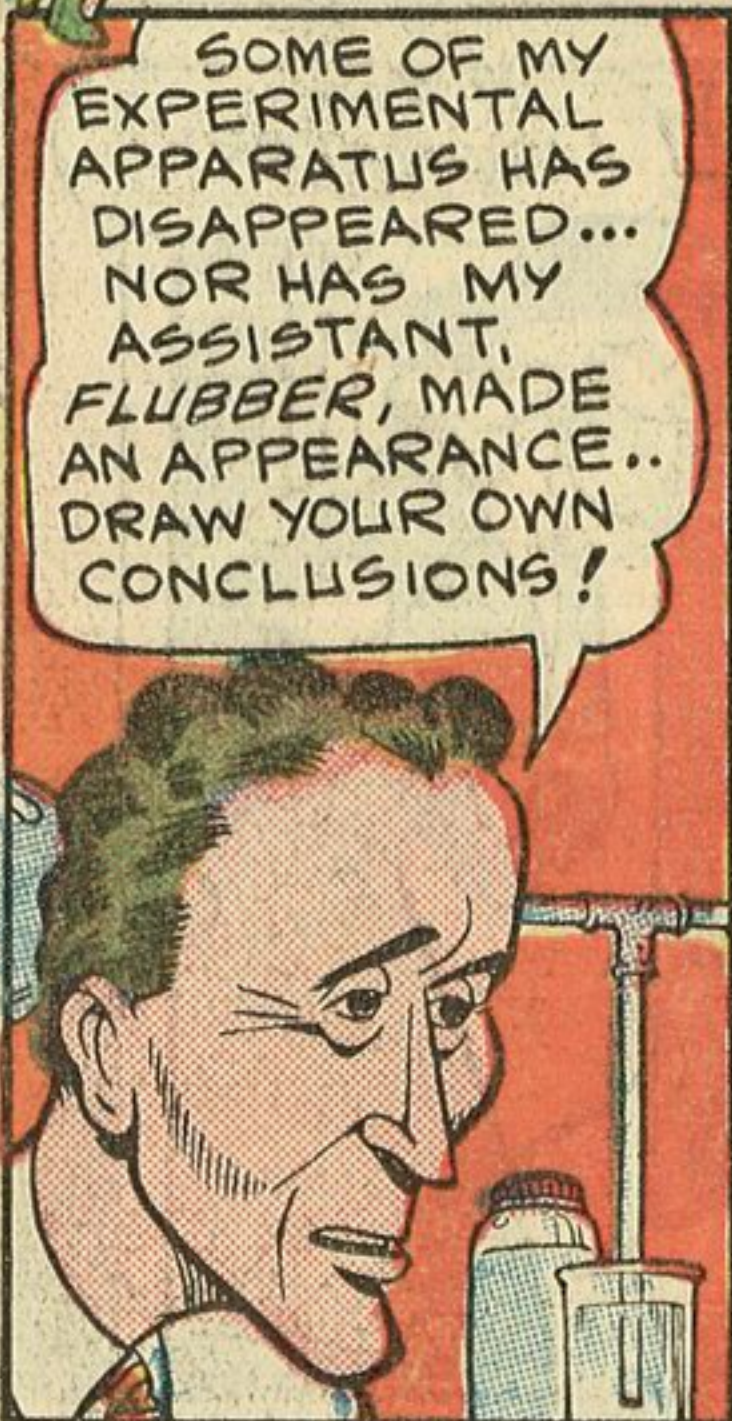
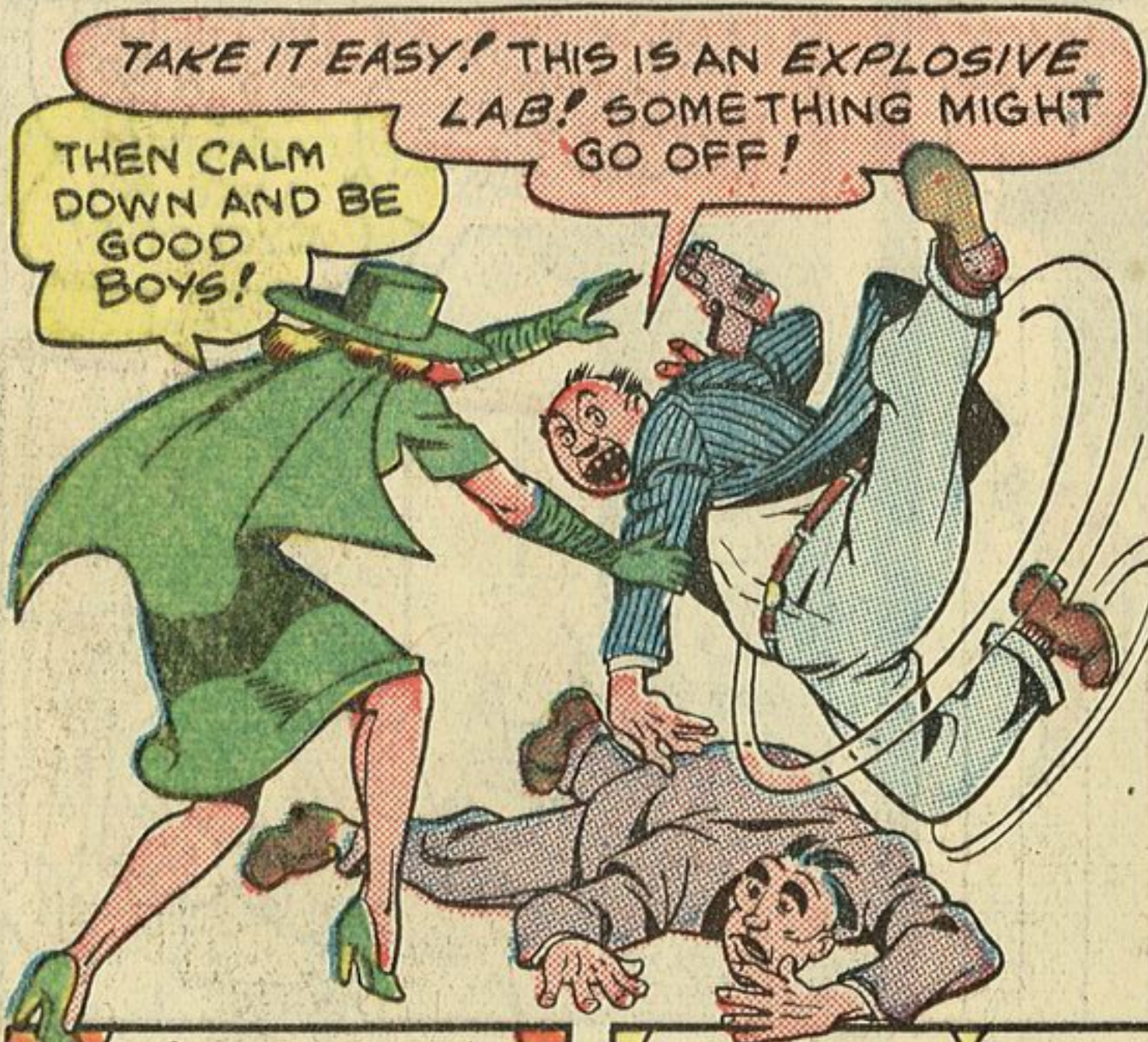
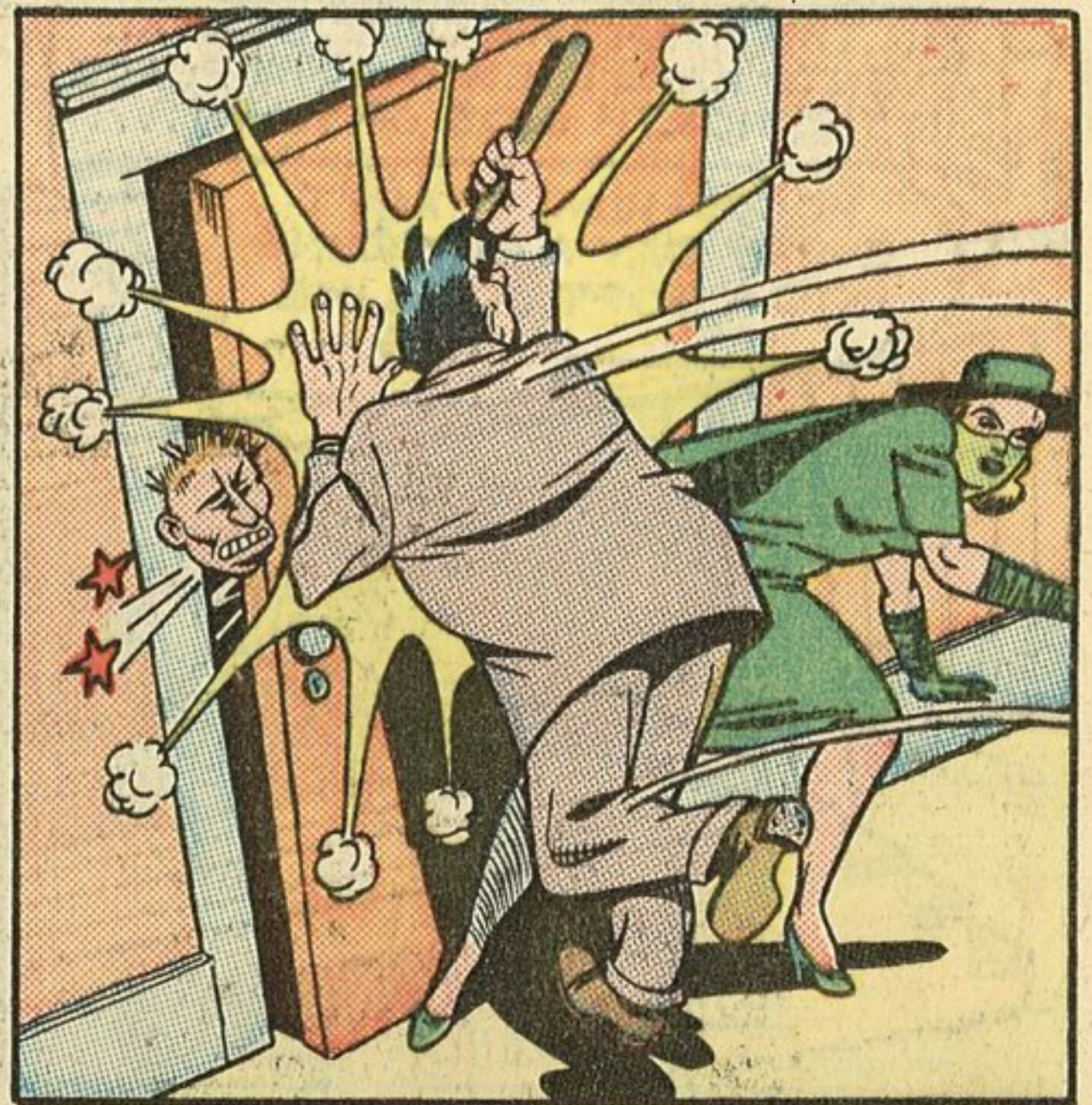
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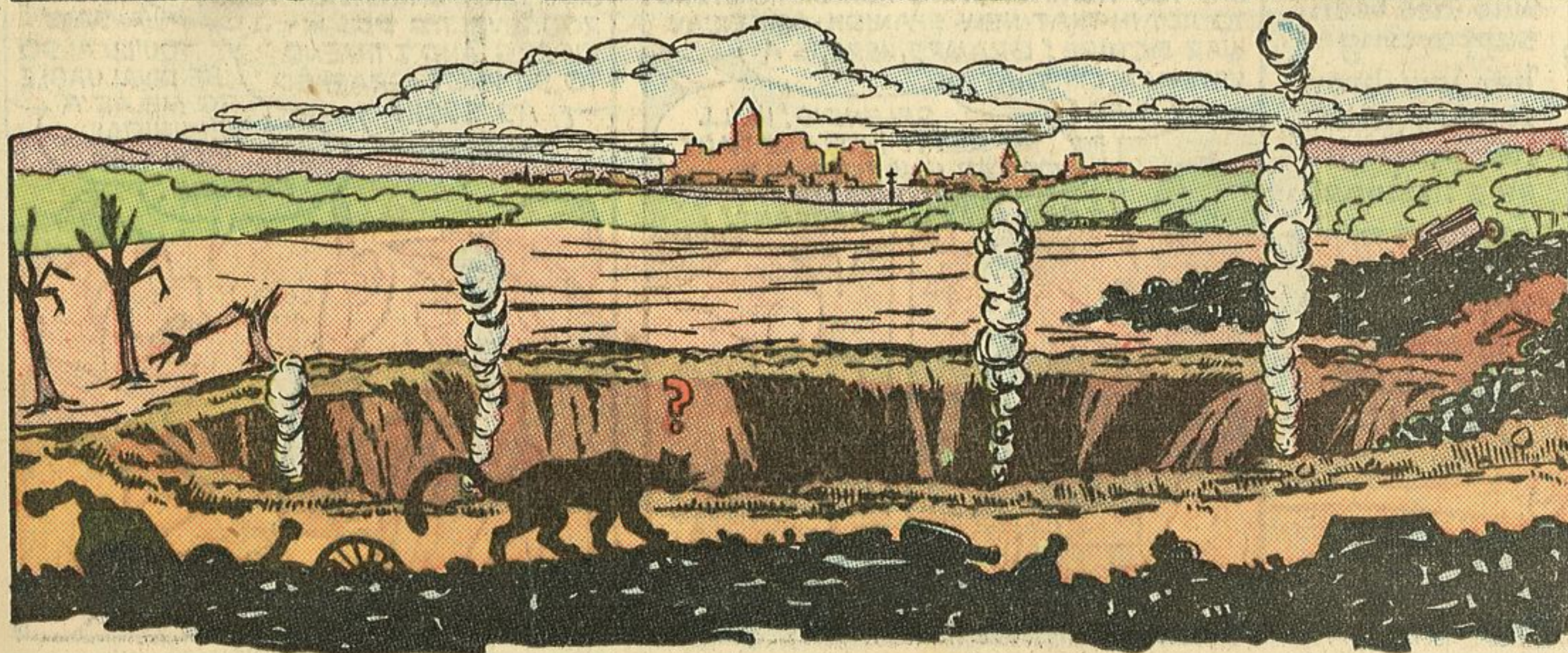






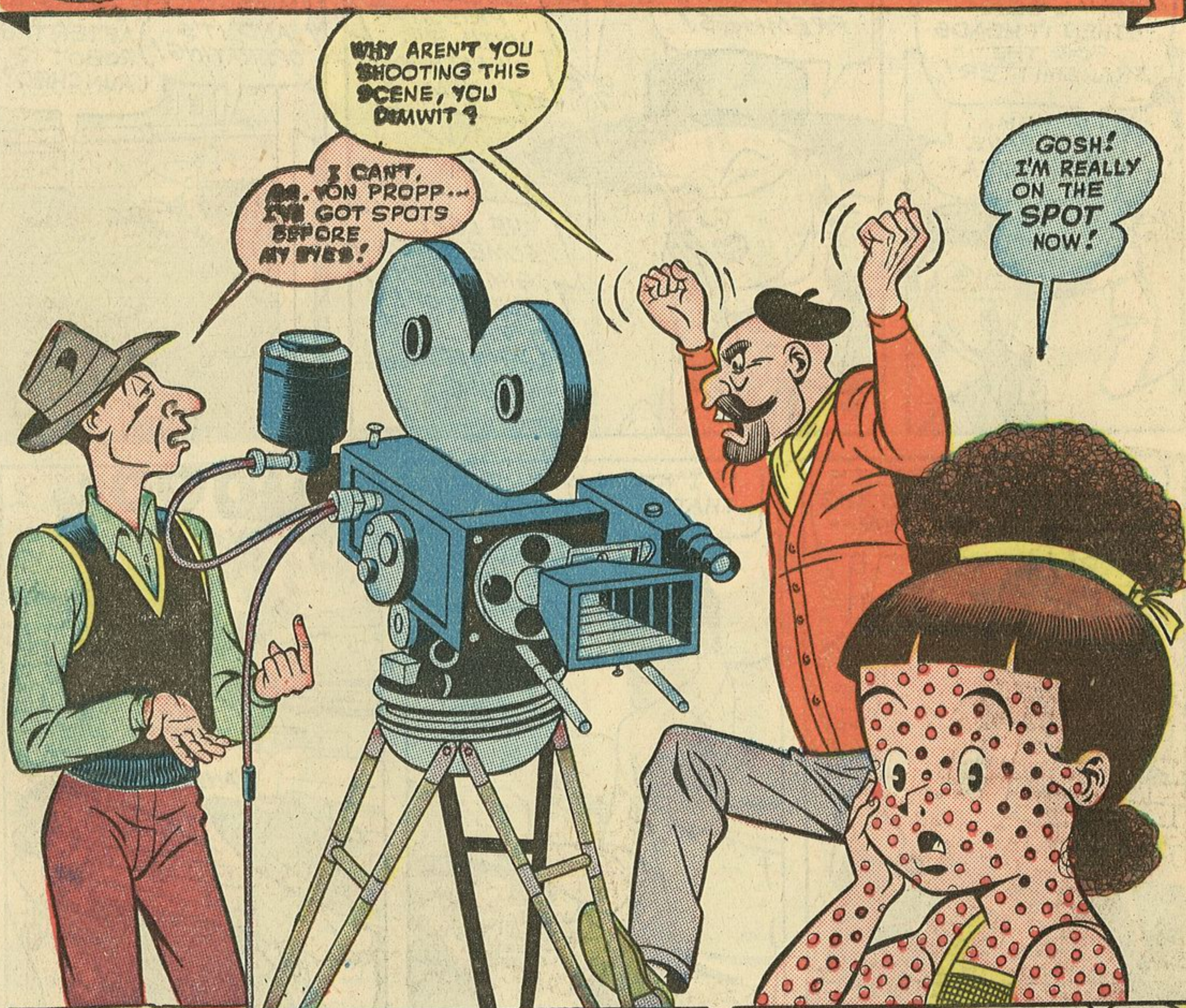


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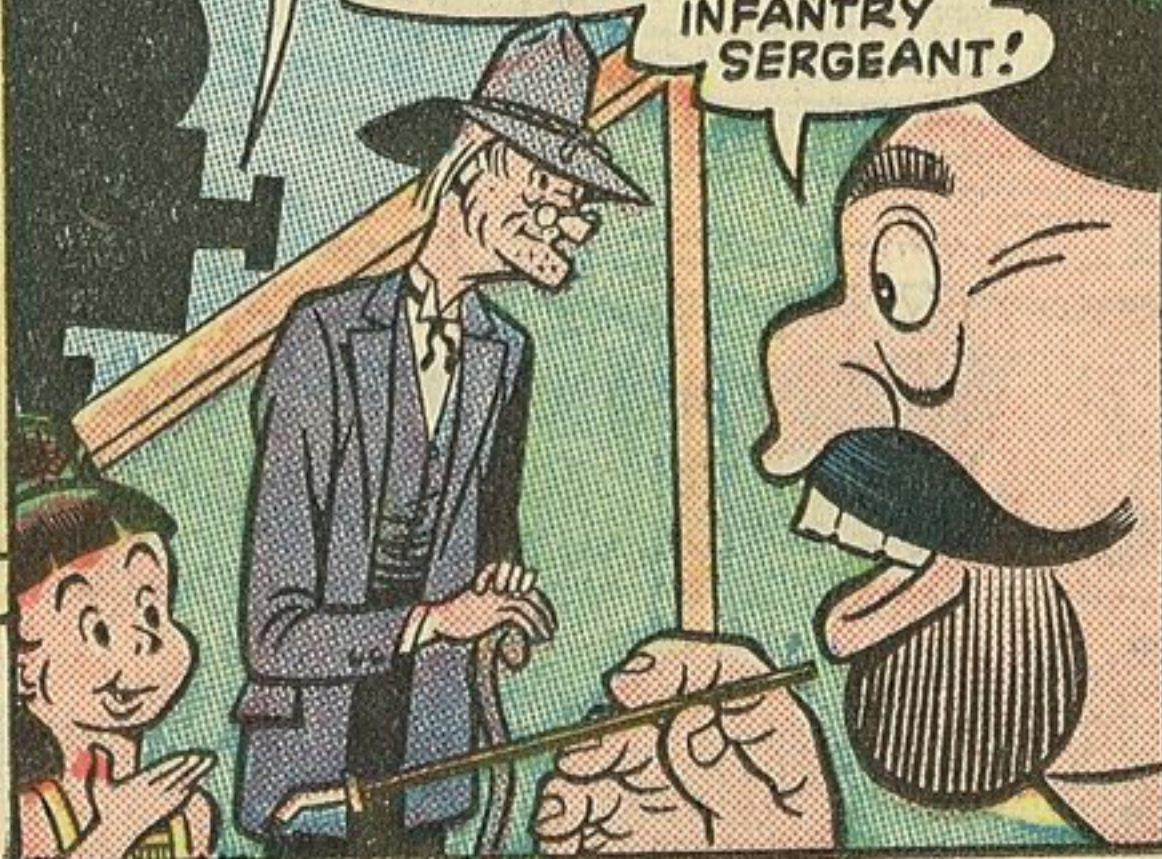
# CITRONELLA



**C**itronella, who has been supporting her low-brow family with her position as a nationally famous movie star, is now trying to get them on the studio payroll....

DIRECTOR VON PROPP, I OVERHEARD YOU SAY YOU WERE CASTING FOR CHARACTERS TO ACT IN THAT NEW SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR PICTURE! GRAMPS, HERE, IS A VETERAN OF THAT WAR!

SPLENDID! HE'LL FIT RIGHT INTO THE PART OF THE GNARLED OLD INFANTRY SERGEANT!



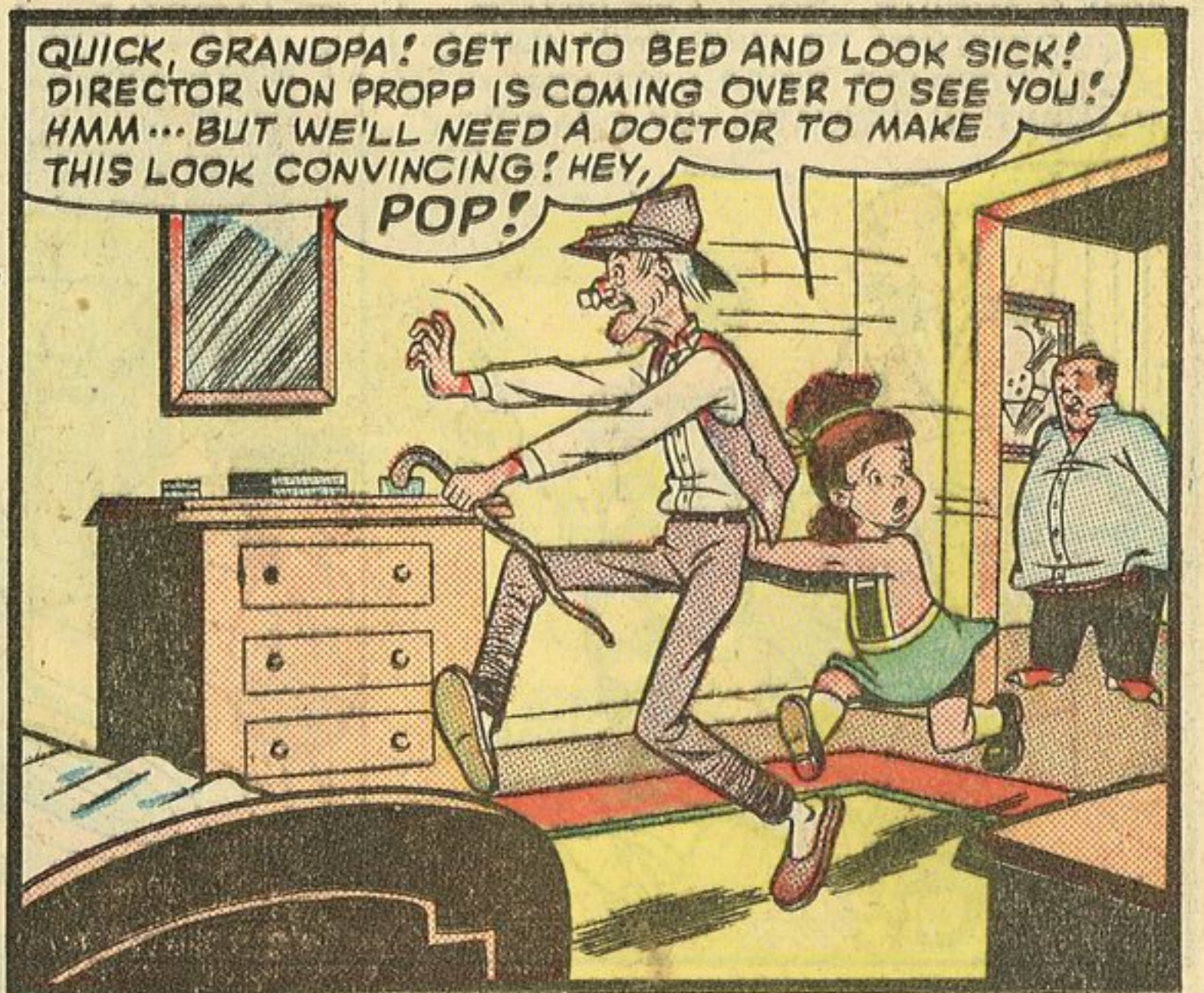
INFANTRY? BAH! I WUZ A CHARTER MEMBER OF TEDDY ROOSEVELT'S ROUGH-RIDERS AND I INTEND TO BE PHOTYGRAPHED AS SUCH!

ALL RIGHT... SAY!

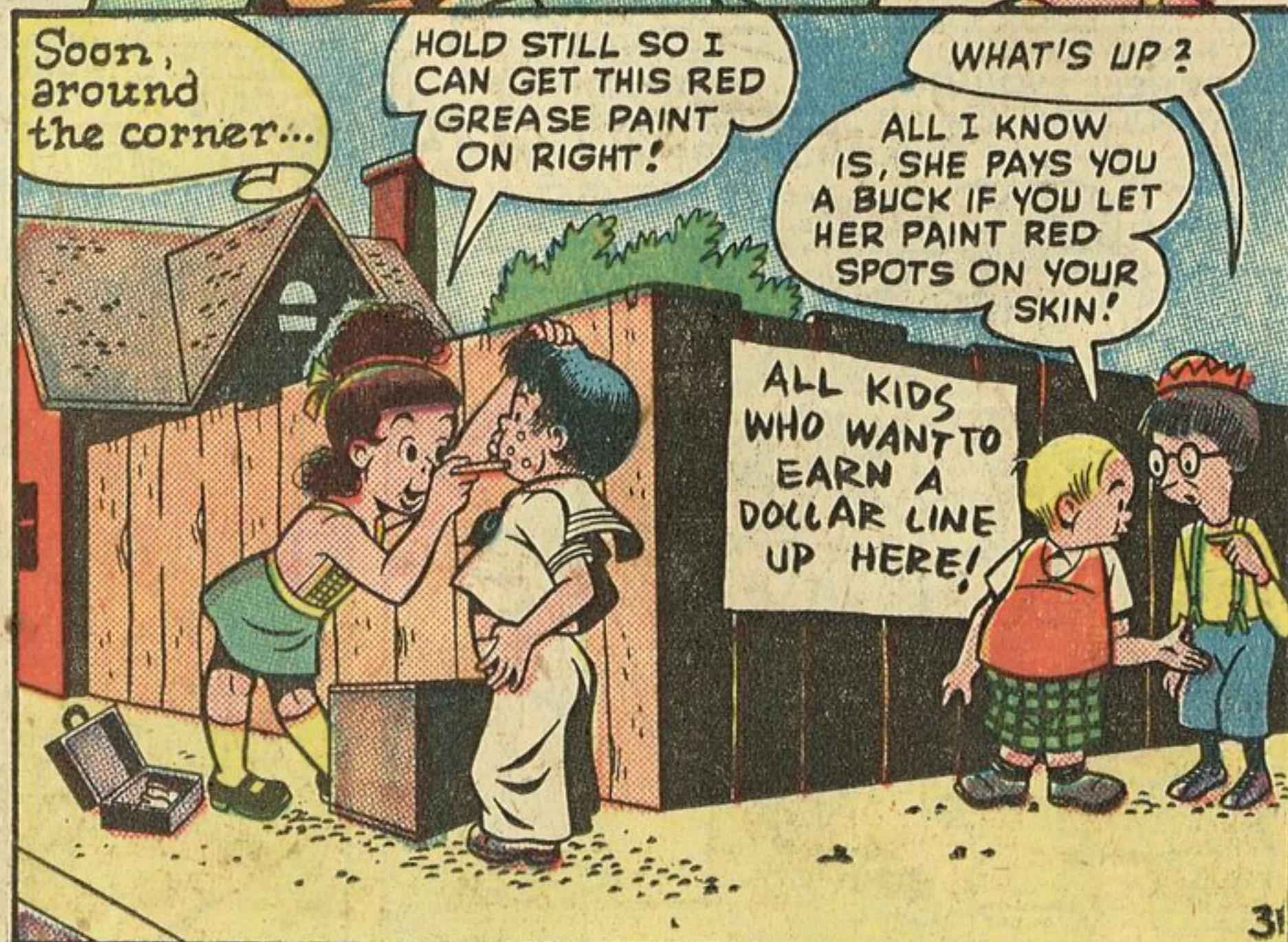
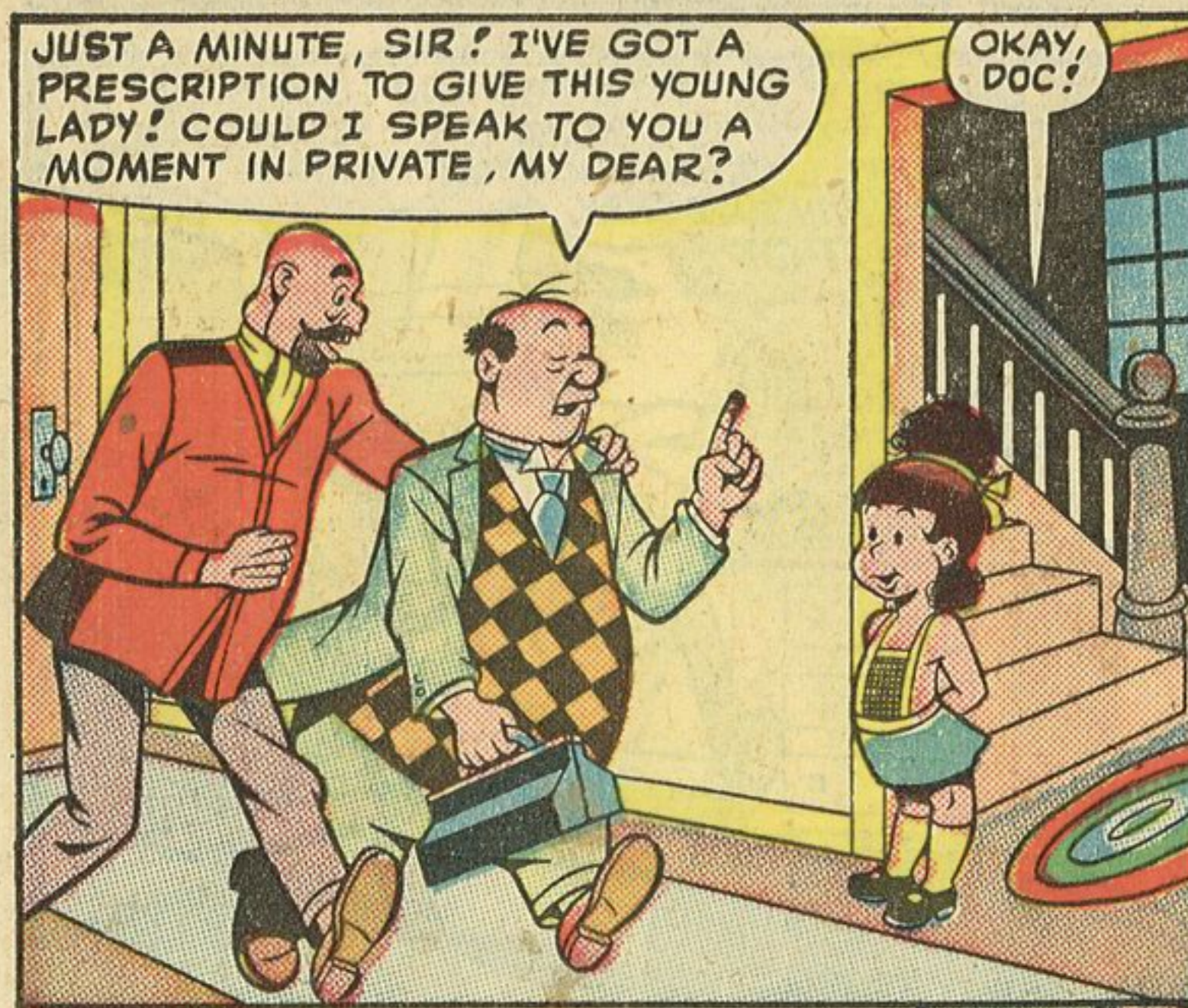
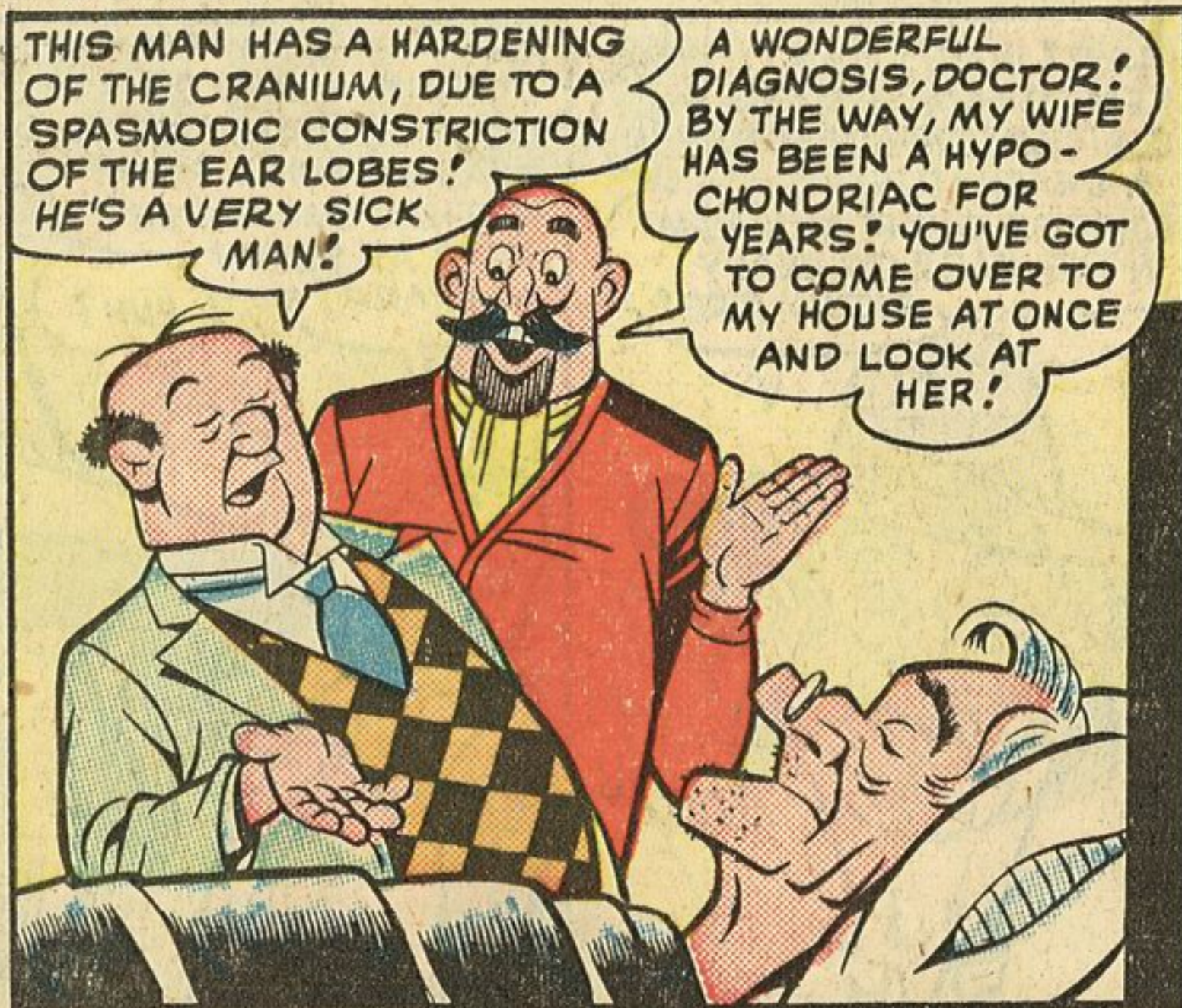
YOU'LL ALSO BE INVALUABLE TO ME AS A TECHNICAL ADVISOR ON THIS PICTURE!



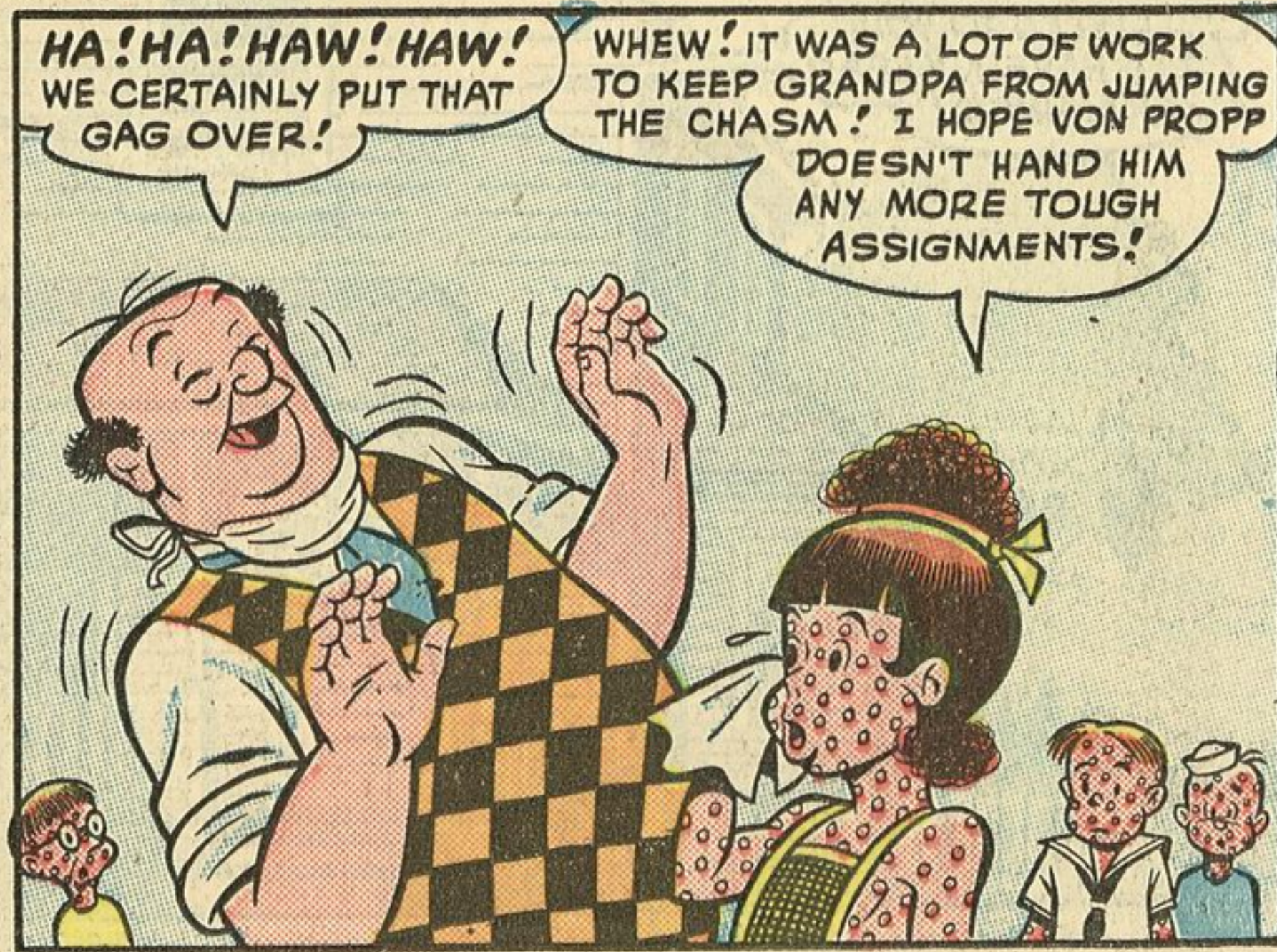
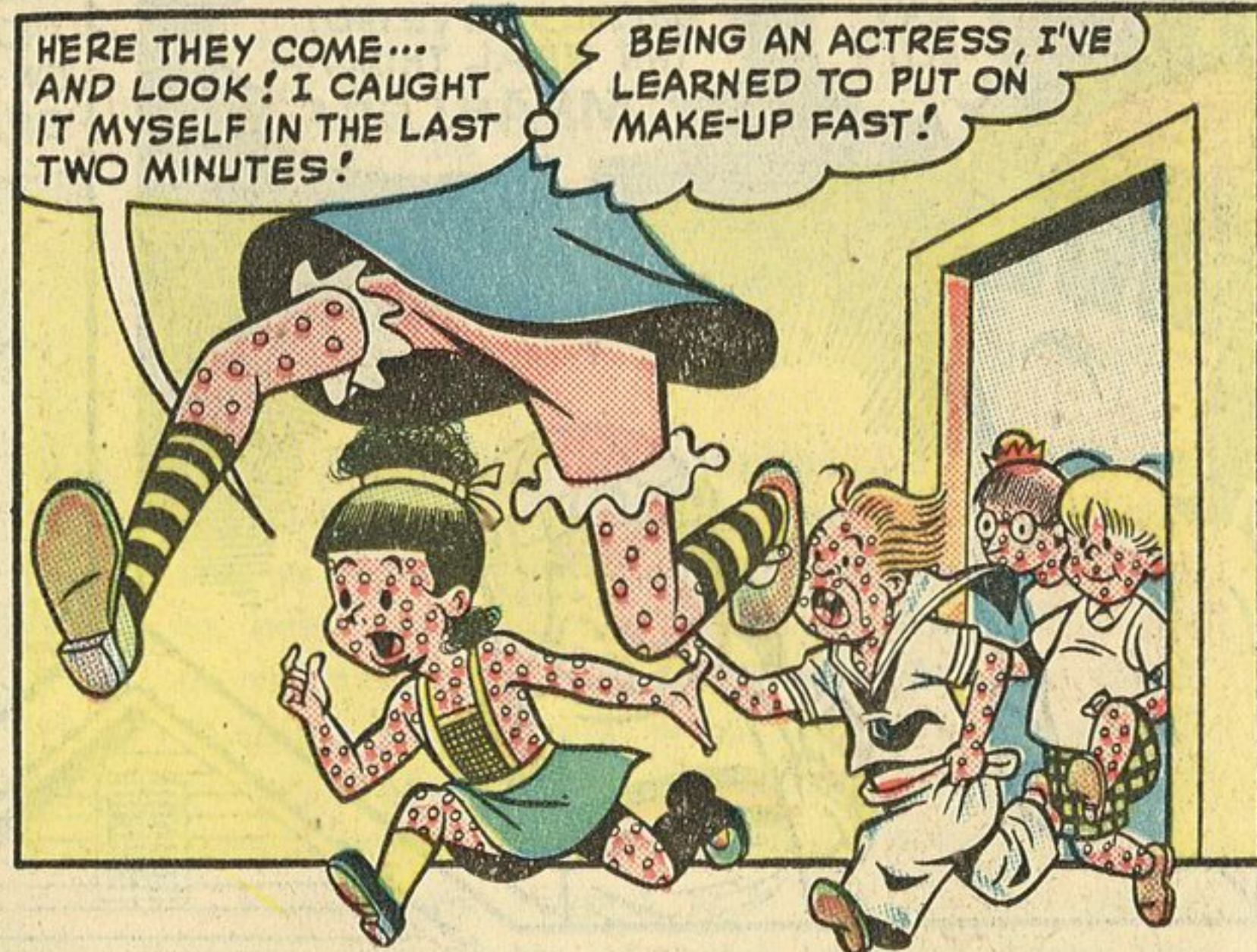
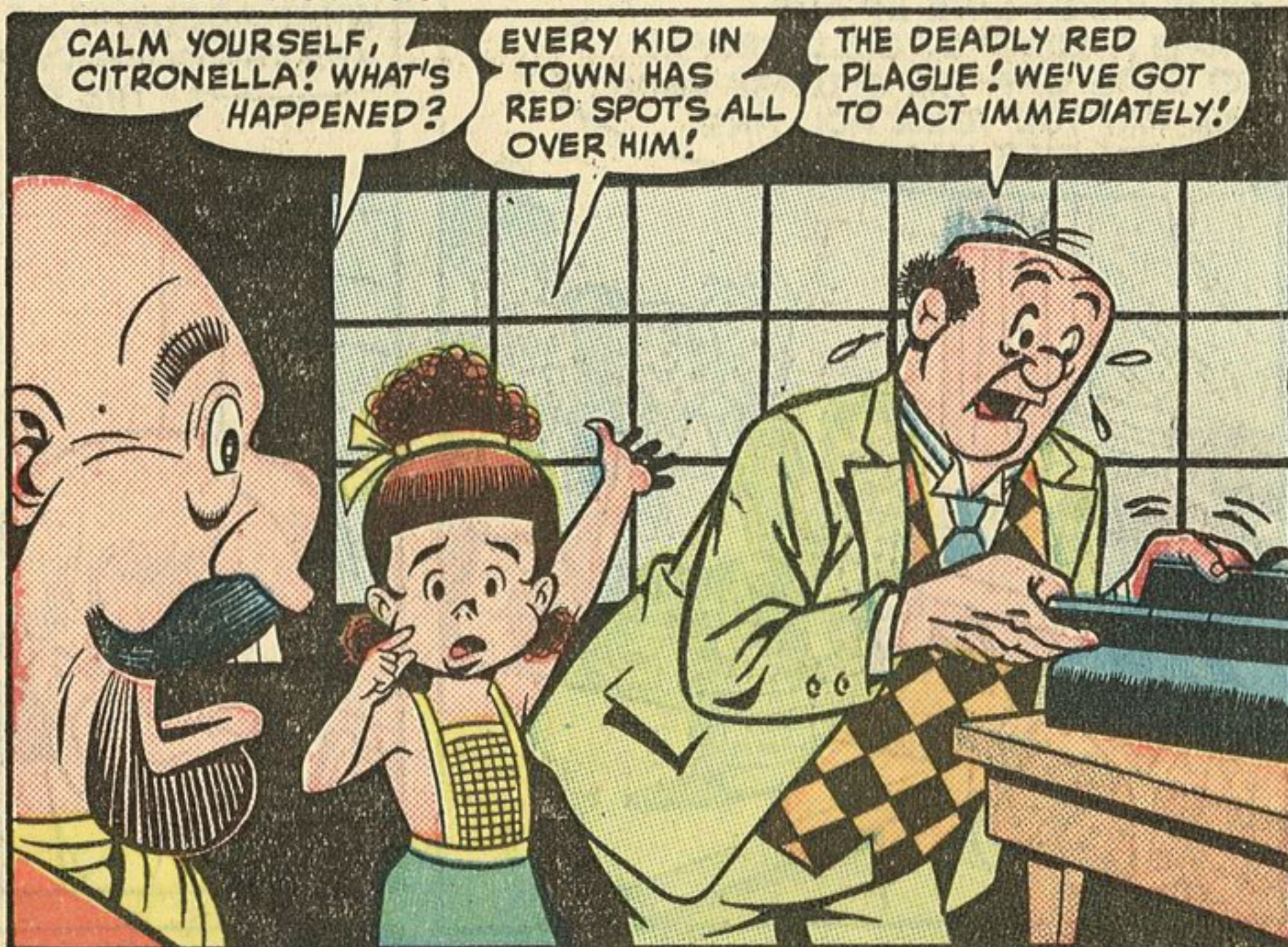






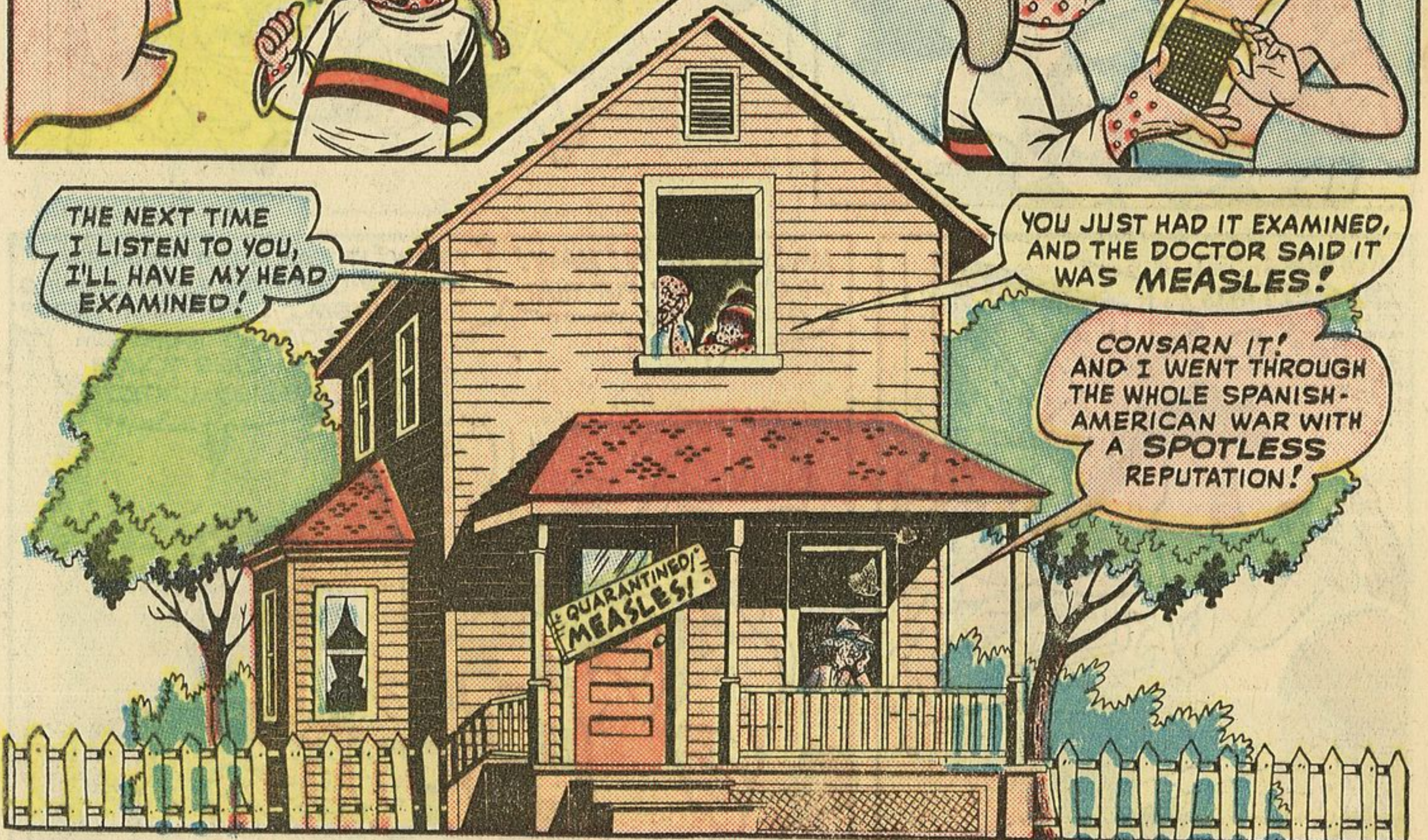
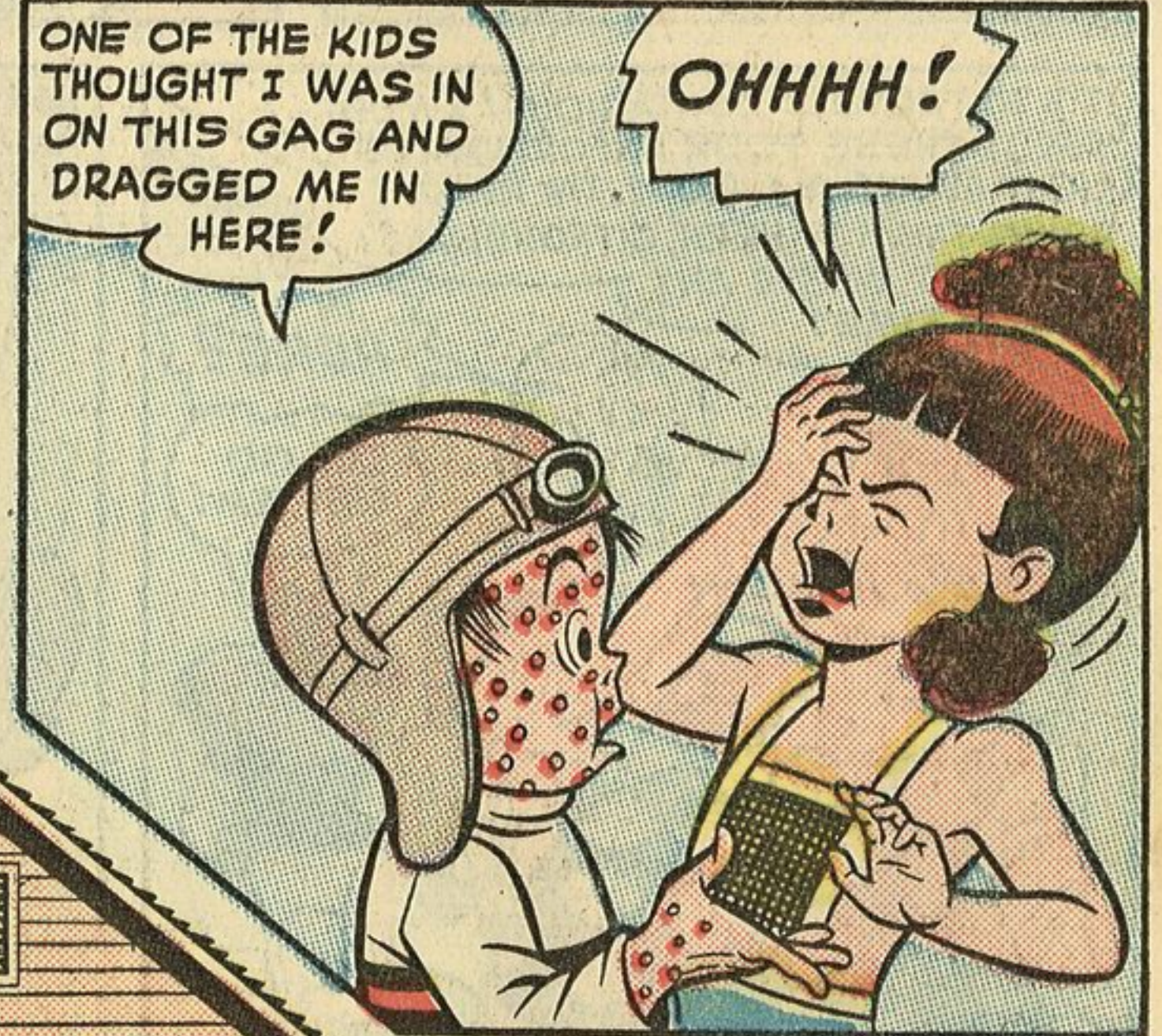
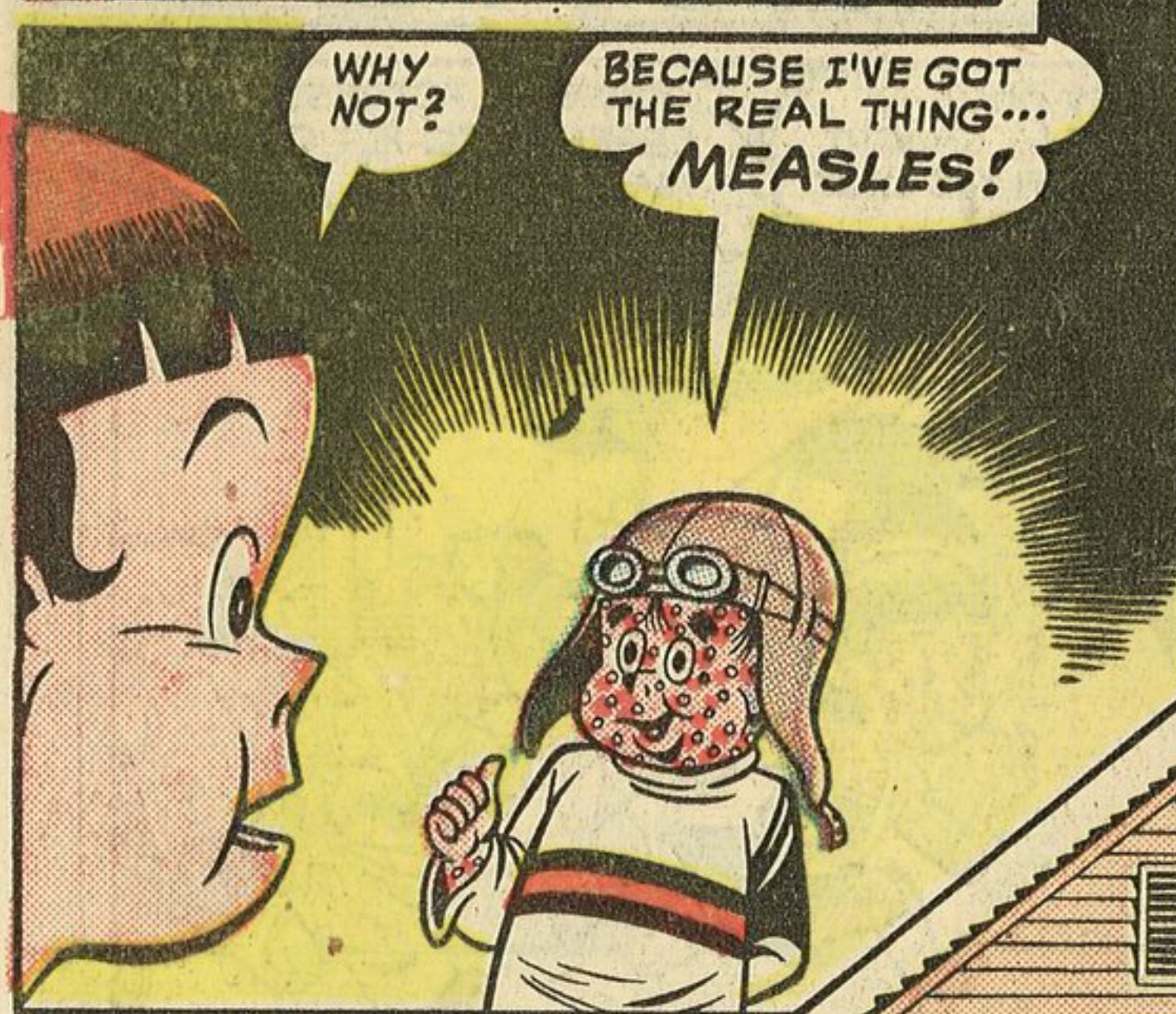








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# Insect INVASION

THERE was no question about Doc Wackey's being just what his name implied. Doc was plain screwy. His list of inventions and concoctions read like a passage from Swift's description of Brobdignag.

At the time of our story, Doc was experimenting upon Canadian Soldiers, which are a species of very large mosquito. Doc had an idea that if mosquitoes were larger, they could be seen better and swatted more easily. He even thought he might make a fortune out of his idea.

Gabby, Doc Wackey's talking monkey, sat on a perch and looked at his master with a quizzical expression.

"What's cookin', Doc?" he asked, after a moment.

"Shhhh!" whispered Doc, glancing around furtively. "These'll be my life's greatest attainment—extra large mosquitoes!"

Gabby grinned and scratched his ear. "You ain't gonna do anything about fleas, are you, Doc?" he asked.

Doc said no, and told Gabby to keep still, as he was busy.

Doc's laboratory, like its owner, was a screwy proposition indeed. It held everything that a laboratory shouldn't have, and little that one should. But that worried Doc not at all. He still turned out weird contraptions within its sacred confines.

During the afternoon, Sniffer Snoop, who fancied himself a great detective, stopped in to see Doc. Hotfoot, Sniffer's little white bear, was with him. This caused a tremendous ruckus, because Hotfoot and Gabby were not the best of friends, something which luckily was not the case with Doc and Sniffer. But this time Doc gave Sniffer short shrift.

"What do you want, shamus?" he asked.

Sniffer smiled wanly. "Oh, Hotfoot and me just came in to say hello, Doc."

"Well, you've said it," replied Doc with asperity. "I'm busy."

"You don't need to be so uppity," said Sniffer. "We're going. Come, Hotfoot these two monkeys are in a nasty mood."

When the visitors had departed, Doc set to work again. He hoped there wouldn't be any more interruptions. He was well on the road

to success with his mosquito dope, and he wanted to finish his experiments as soon as possible.

In their several cages resting on the back shelf the Canadian Soldiers looked like enormous flies to Doc. They had grown rapidly during the past few hours, and it appeared as if they wouldn't stop.

Doc gazed at them lovingly and saw a future filled with glory and riches. He always saw these things while working on anything. That he had never reached those goals made no difference to him in the least; he would one day.

Some days later, a strange thing took place in the city where Doc Wackey's lab was located. A vast flight of huge mosquitoes virtually took over the town. They came in a cloud that hid the sun. They settled upon the streets, caused cars to skid and buses to stall, in general, frightened the wits out of everybody.

No one had an explanation for the plague of giant-sized mosquitoes. The university professors claimed that such phenomenon had never been seen before. The police and fire departments were stumped. The firemen tried flushing the streets with terrific streams of water, but it only washed the first wave of insects away. Another soon followed.

Pedestrians slipped and fell on the pavements and planes couldn't take off from the airport, because of slippery runways.

While the city was in this great turmoil, Dave Clark, radio announcer, busily sent out reports on what was being tried to get relief from the insects. But one thing that nobody could understand was that the mosquitoes grew larger and larger.

By the third day, they had a wingspread of five feet—and were still growing!

Sniffer Snoop was trying to sniff out any lead toward a possible solution. It was his idea that some underworld figure had launched the whole project to make crime easier. And crime was rampant in the city. Though the police were busy, criminals were even busier. The newspapers took advantage of the emergency to begin lambasting the city officials.

Scientists came from all over the country just to study the strange plague of mighty insects. The stings from these mosquitoes were



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not ordinary stings; they left bumps larger than ostrich eggs. There was only one consolation—they were not particularly poisonous. But doctors in the city were worried. If the mosquitoes suddenly became carriers of a deadly ~~malady~~, the whole metropolis would be in peril.

Dave Clark, though working overtime on his announcing job, managed to do some investigating of his own. He was convinced that the mosquitoes hadn't grown a hundred times larger, as a natural development. Rather, he figured, someone was behind it all. For instance, there was Sniffer Snoop's theory that the city's criminal element was backing it. This sounded good enough to Dave.

Meanwhile, Doc Wackey was getting whackier in his laboratory. His mosquitoes were getting beyond him. Had got beyond him, in fact. Now he was casting about for means to stop the plague. If the city officials learned that he was responsible, there would be a lot of trouble. Doc was frightened.

"What can I do, Gabby?" he asked his talking monkey.

"Search me, Doc," replied that simian nonchalantly.

Doc thought of creating a few million big bats who would eat nothing but mosquitoes. But he quickly turned down that scheme in favor of a potent fire-fly that would singe the mosquitoes to death. But where to get such fire-flies? Nope, he'd have to think again.

Spray poison? The police were doing that. They were using DDT and various acids, but still the hordes of monstrous insects swarmed in, over and around the city.

Although the regular Army and National Guard had been called, they found the problem slightly out of their province. In despair, the governor practically closed the city to visitors.

But Sniffer Snoop's theory gradually leaked out and one of the metropolitan newspapers ran a banner headline proclaiming the gangster element responsible. They followed their scare-head with a question:

**WHY HAS CRIME TREBLED HERE SINCE THE MOSQUITO PLAGUE?**

When Dave Clark visited Doc Wackey, it was with no idea that Doc had anything to do with the plague. He soon found out differently.

"It was my idea," said Doc a bit proudly. "But now it's flown out of my hands."

Dave was astonished. "And I came here with the idea that you might be able to do something to help the situation," he said. "What's the story behind these skeeters?"

Doc waved his pudgy hands. Thinking that larger ones could be swatted better," he explained, "I found a way to make ordinary mosquitoes grow. It was a fine idea, but now my cage of original spawn has been stolen."

"Ah," said Dave. "That gives me an idea! I think I may have some dope for the authorities in a little while. See you later, Doc."

It was evening when Dave Clark left Doc's lab. Being a newsman of sorts, he knew certain of the shady element which inhabited the city. So, he struck out for the hangout of Slug Higgins, boss of the town's biggest criminal ring.

But Dave didn't enter the lion's den in his own guise. Few persons knew it, but Dave Clark was also Midnight, famous nemesis of criminals. He had often worked alone in wiping out all kinds of crime. But he figured there was more wiping to do right now.

After donning the eye mask that established him in physical appearance as Midnight, he slunk into the shady retreat of Higgins, the master criminal.

At this point, Slug and several of his cronies were in a back room of their hangout, hovering over a cage of buzzing mosquitoes. The cage stood at an open window, and from it raced a steady stream of Canadian Soldiers. Midnight noticed that, once in the open, they grew to an enormous size. Here, then, was the very crux of the mystery!

"Hold it!" he said quietly.

The gang looked up. "Midnight!" gasped Slug. "How did you get past my boys?"

Midnight chuckled. "Simple, Slug. I came for that little cage. Will you give it to me without any trouble, or—"

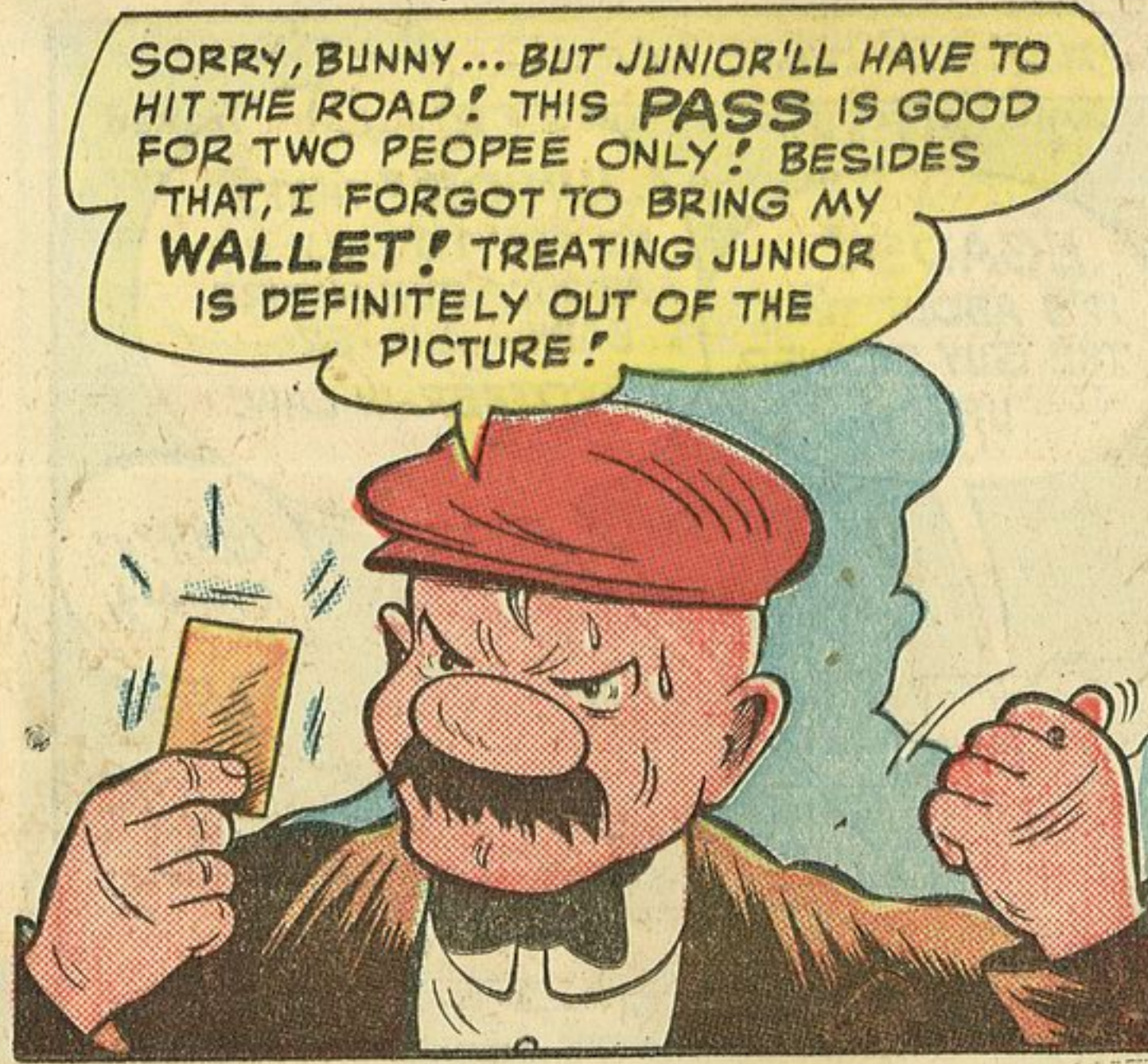
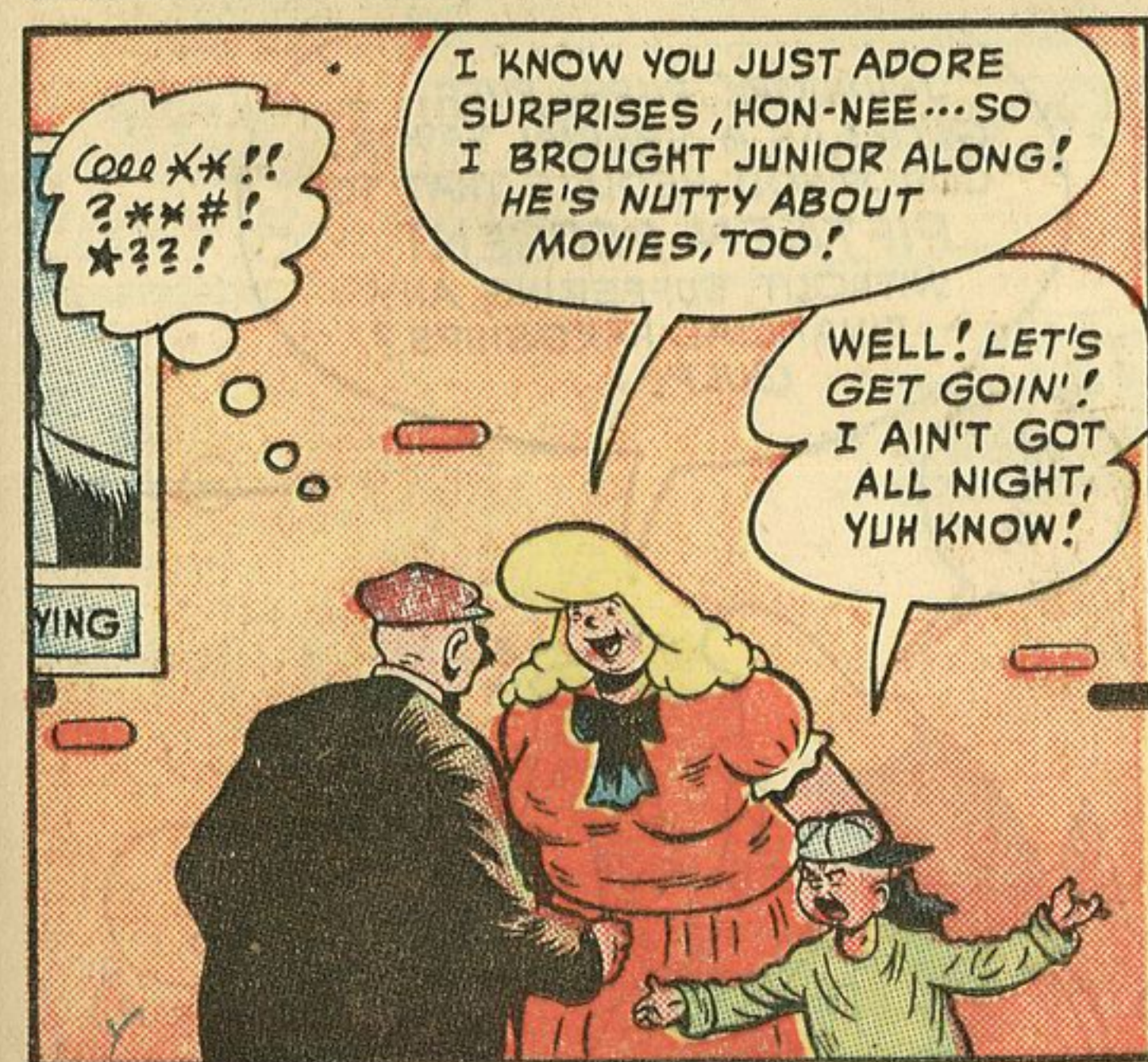
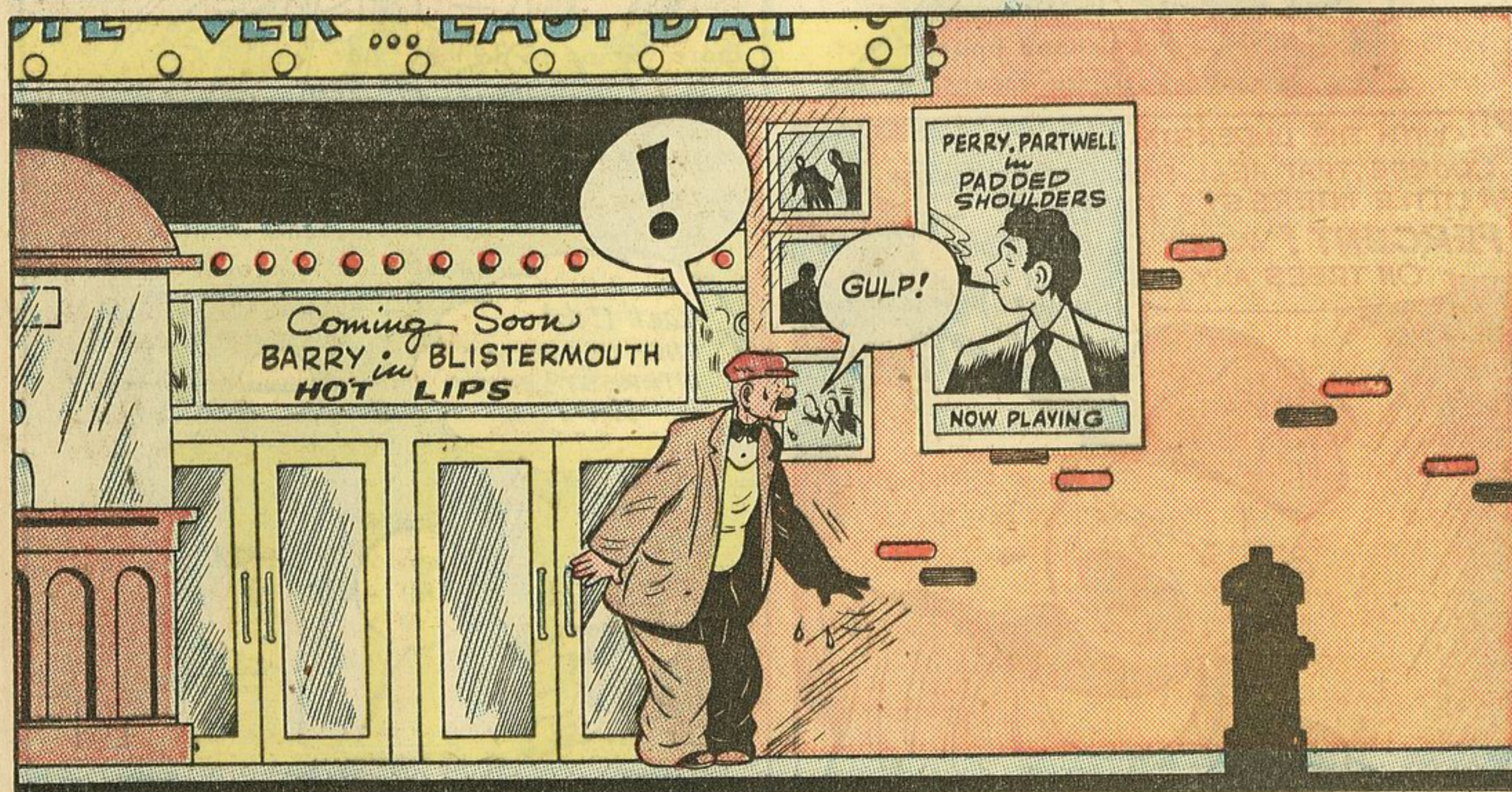
Slug's hand made a snaky movement as he growled something to his henchmen. But before his hand moved two inches, a fist hit him in the face. He fell back over a chair and crashed into the wall. Two more chairs were knocked over as Slug's two bodyguards leaped to their feet, hands going for guns in shoulder holsters.

But the same fist hit them that had cooled Slug. With the three thugs stretched out cold, the cloaked figure of Midnight now climbed out the window. He carried the cage of buzzing mosquitoes under one arm.

The next day, Midnight, now back again as Dave Clark, announced the end of the insect siege over the air.

But Dave withheld all news about Doc Wackey's part in the panic. "After all," he reflected, smiling toward the studio audience, "a thing like that could happen in this or any other city, you know."

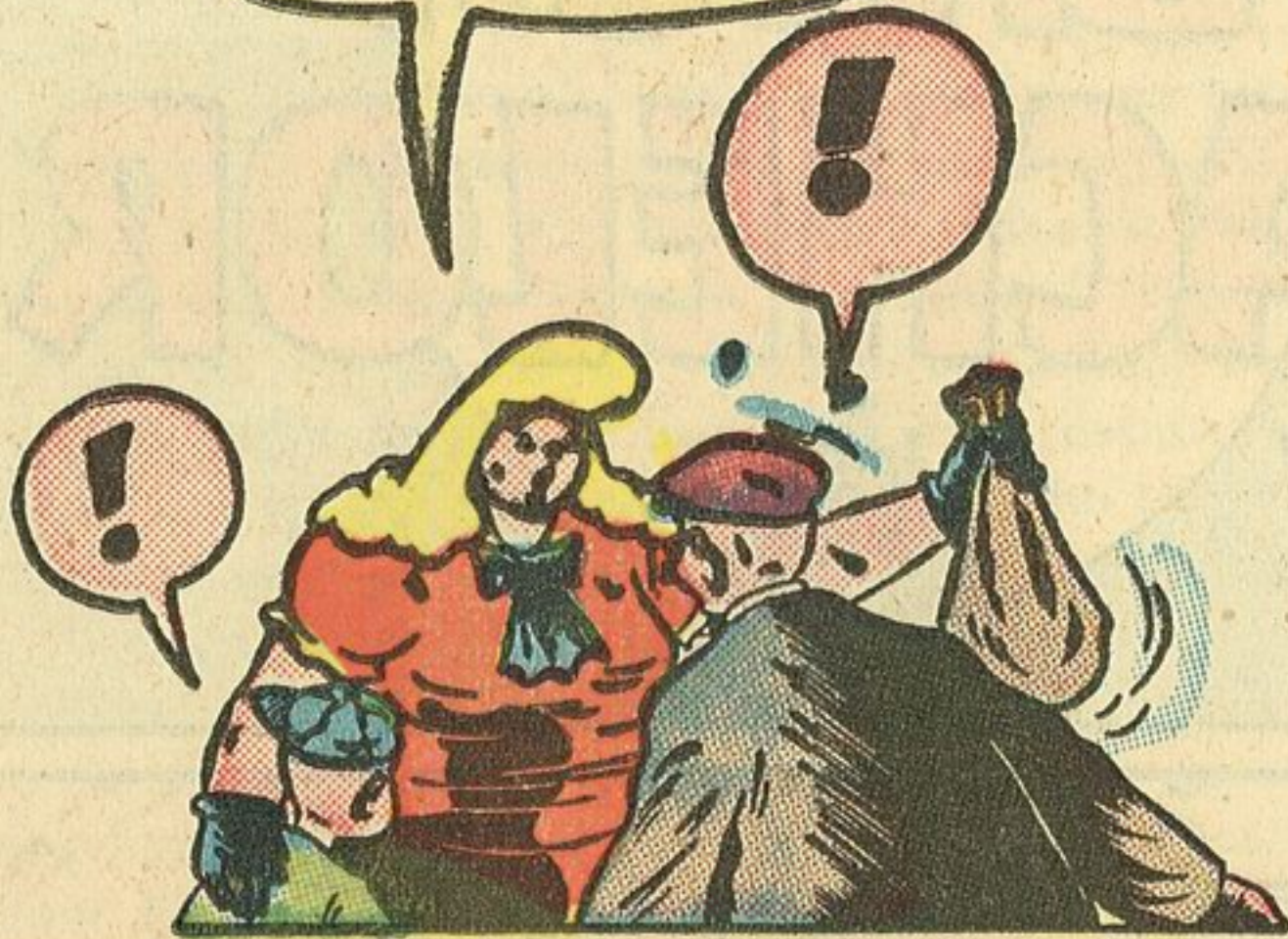




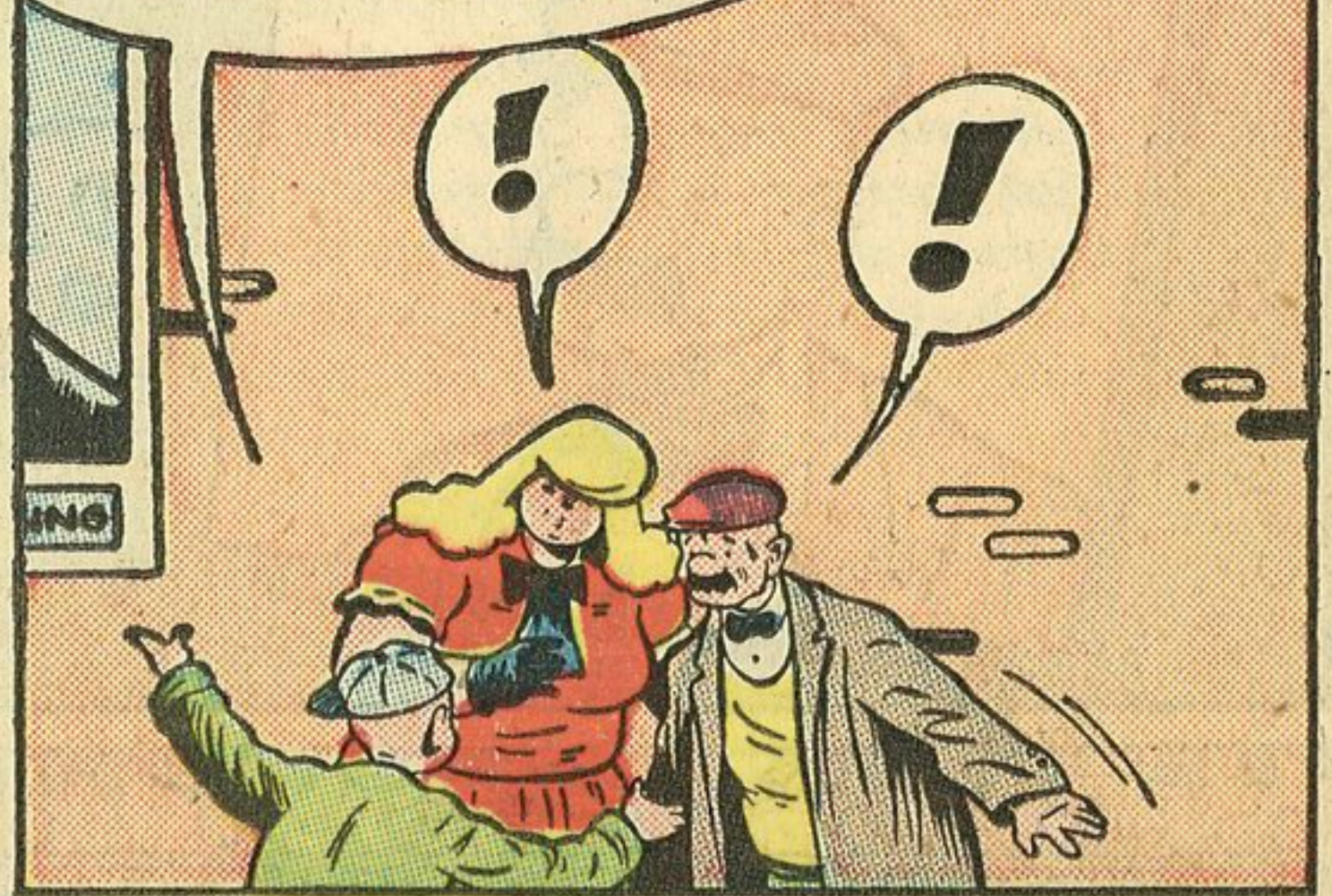


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THAT'S ALL RIGHT, HONEY! WE STILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME BEFORE THE MAIN FEATURE GOES ON! WE'LL WAIT HERE WHILE YOU GO HOME FOR YOUR WALLET!



THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY, SIS! I'LL SAVE BATCH A TRIP BY GIVING HIM THE MONEY TO BUY MY TICKET! I'M NO CHEAP SKATE...



... WITH THE UNDERSTANDING, OF COURSE, THAT HE'LL PAY ME BACK WITH A LITTLE INTEREST! **TWENTY PERCENT!** MONEY DON'T GROW 'ON TREES ANY MORE, YUH KNOW!



Lee#!!\*\*  
TWENTY PERCENT  
INTEREST? \*\*Lee!  
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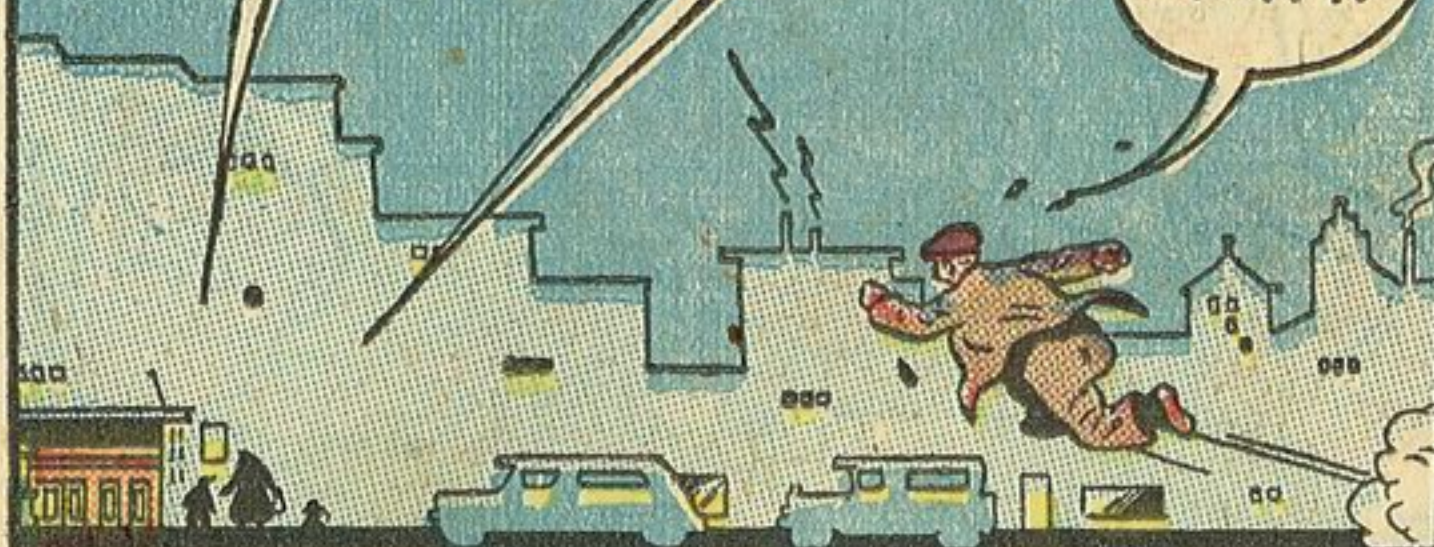


One half hour later...

**EGADS!**  
IT'S ABOUT TIME  
THE GUY SHOWED  
UP!

**JUNIOR!** THAT'S  
NO WAY TO TALK  
ABOUT YOUR FUTURE  
BANK... AH... ER--  
BROTHER-IN-LAW!

Lee!!\*\*  
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J-JUNIOR! PUFF.. PUFF..  
GULP! AS A SPECIAL FAVOR,  
COULD YOU REDUCE THAT TO  
**FIFTEEN PERCENT**  
WITHOUT SUFFERING ANY  
FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS?  
GULP!





I BROUGHT MY **WALLET** ALL RIGHT... BUT IT'S **EMPTY!** I THOUGHT I HAD THE FIVE BUCKS I GET FOR MY WEEKLY SALARY, BUT I JUST REMEMBERED IT WENT FOR MY WEEKLY STREET-CLEANERS' UNION DUES! WON'T YOU CONSIDER FIFTEEN PERCENT?

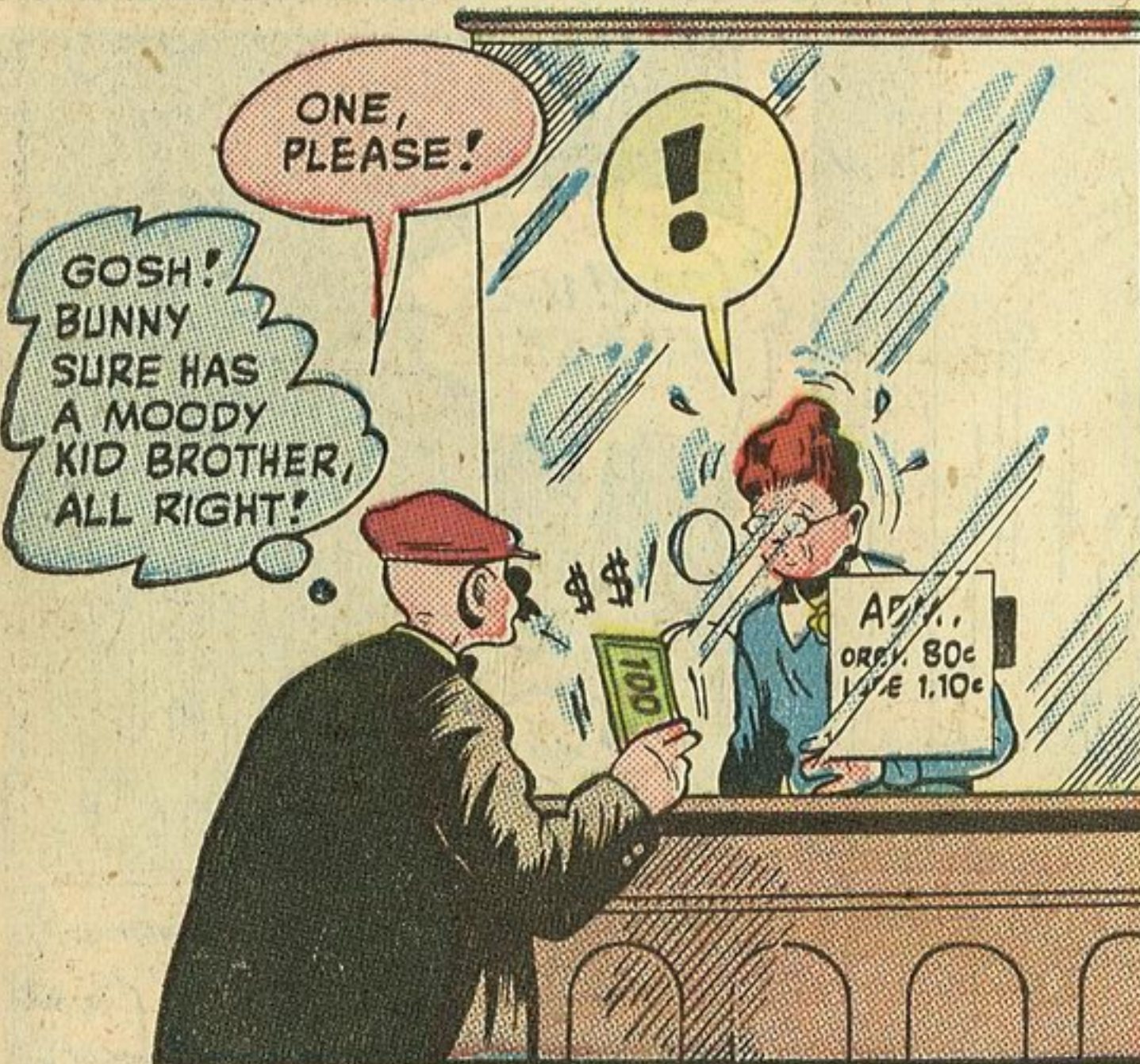


I'D LIKE TO GIVE YUH A BREAK, MR. BACHELOR... BUT THE HIGH COST OF LIVING MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE! AS A MATTER OF FACT, SINCE I LAST SAW YOU, MY INTEREST RATE HAS GONE UP ANOTHER FIVE PERCENT! YOU BETTER PAY UP NOW, WHILE I'M IN THE TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT MOOD, OR YOU'LL BE SORRY! AND DON'T FORGET TO GIVE ME THE CHANGE FROM THE CENTURY NOTE!



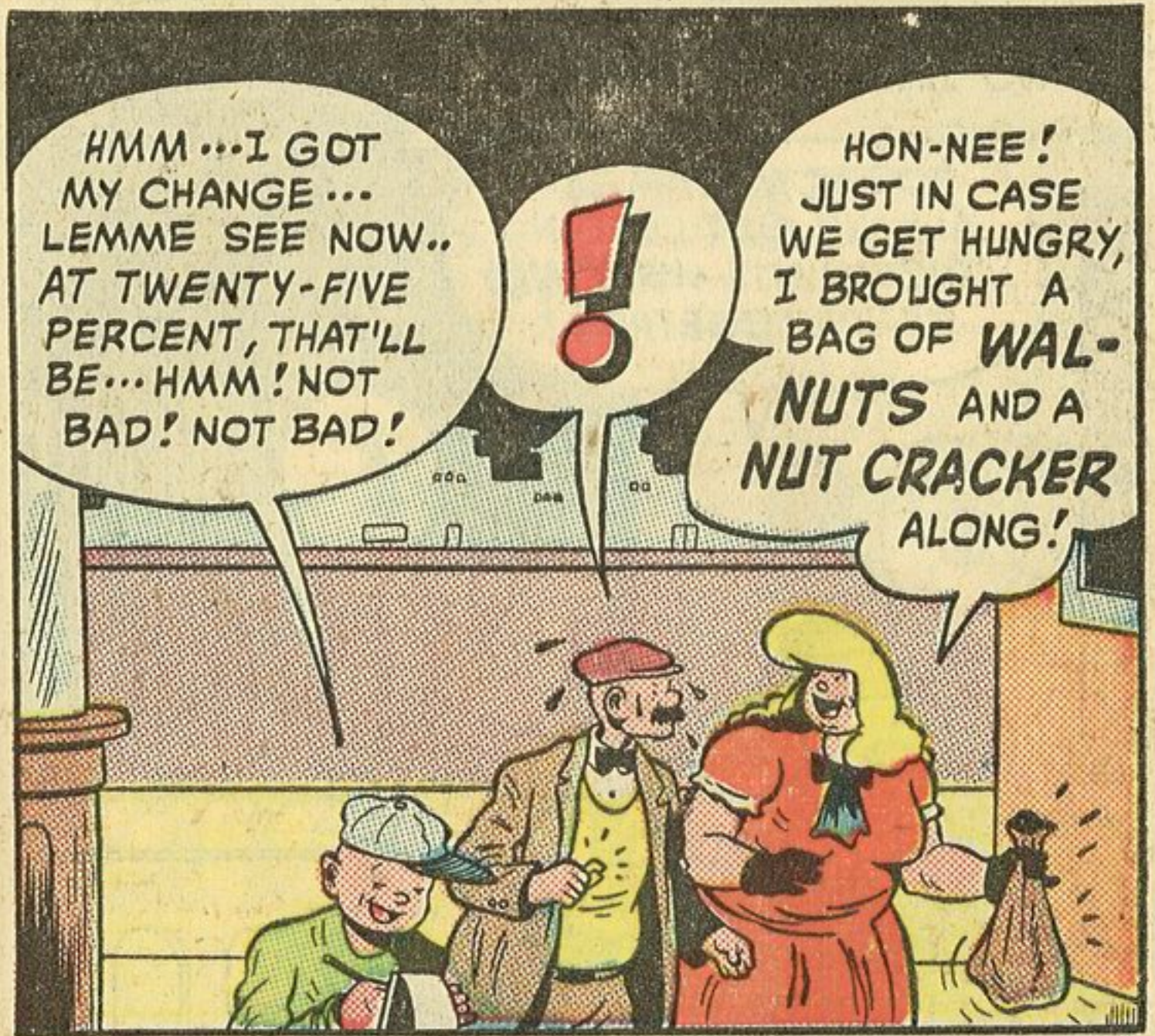
ONE, PLEASE!

GOSH! BUNNY SURE HAS A MOODY KID BROTHER, ALL RIGHT!



HMM...I GOT MY CHANGE... LEMME SEE NOW.. AT TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT, THAT'LL BE...HMM! NOT BAD! NOT BAD!

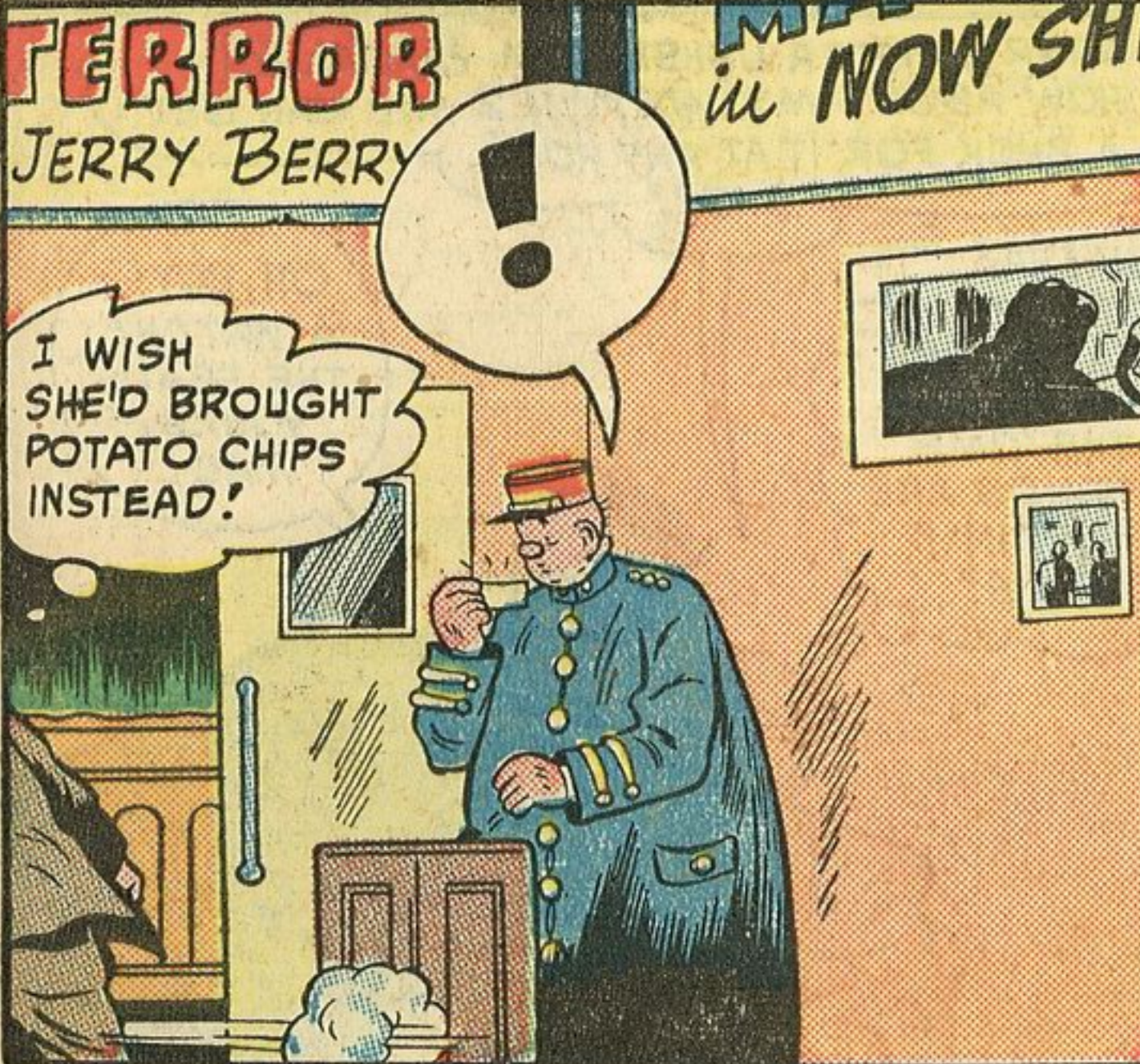
HON-NEE! JUST IN CASE WE GET HUNGRY, I BROUGHT A BAG OF **WAL-NUTS** AND A **NUT CRACKER** ALONG!



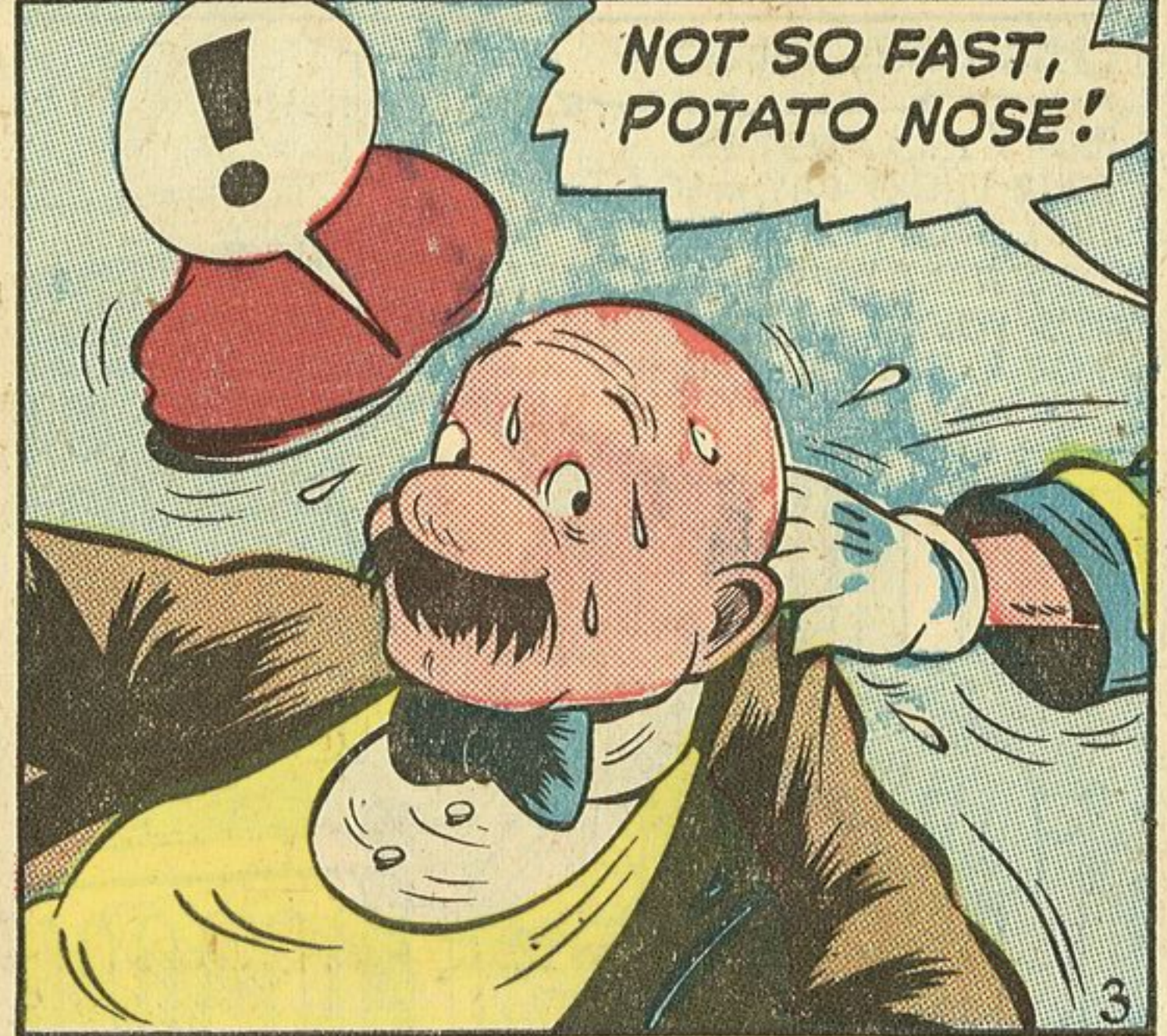
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JERRY BERRY

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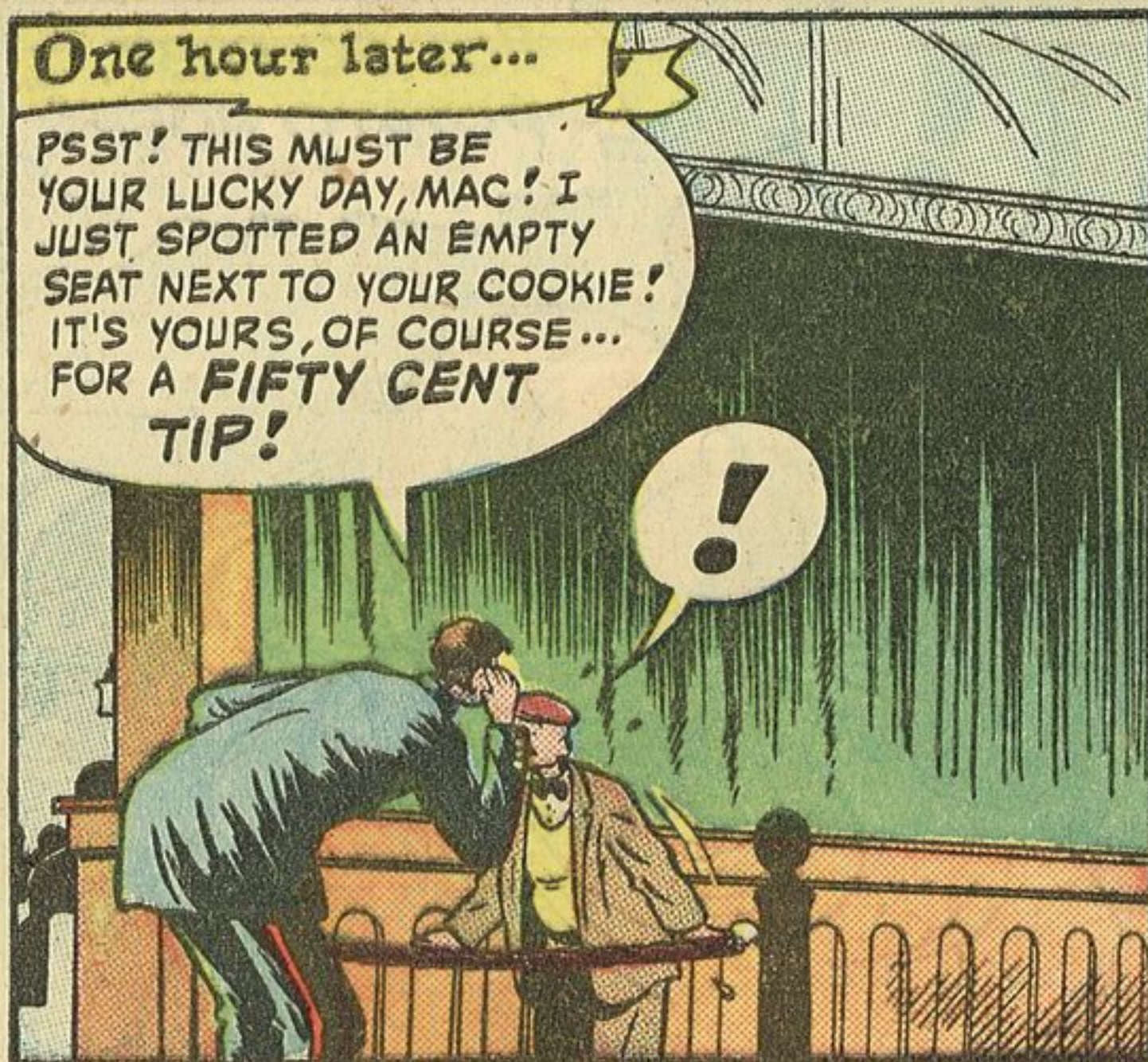
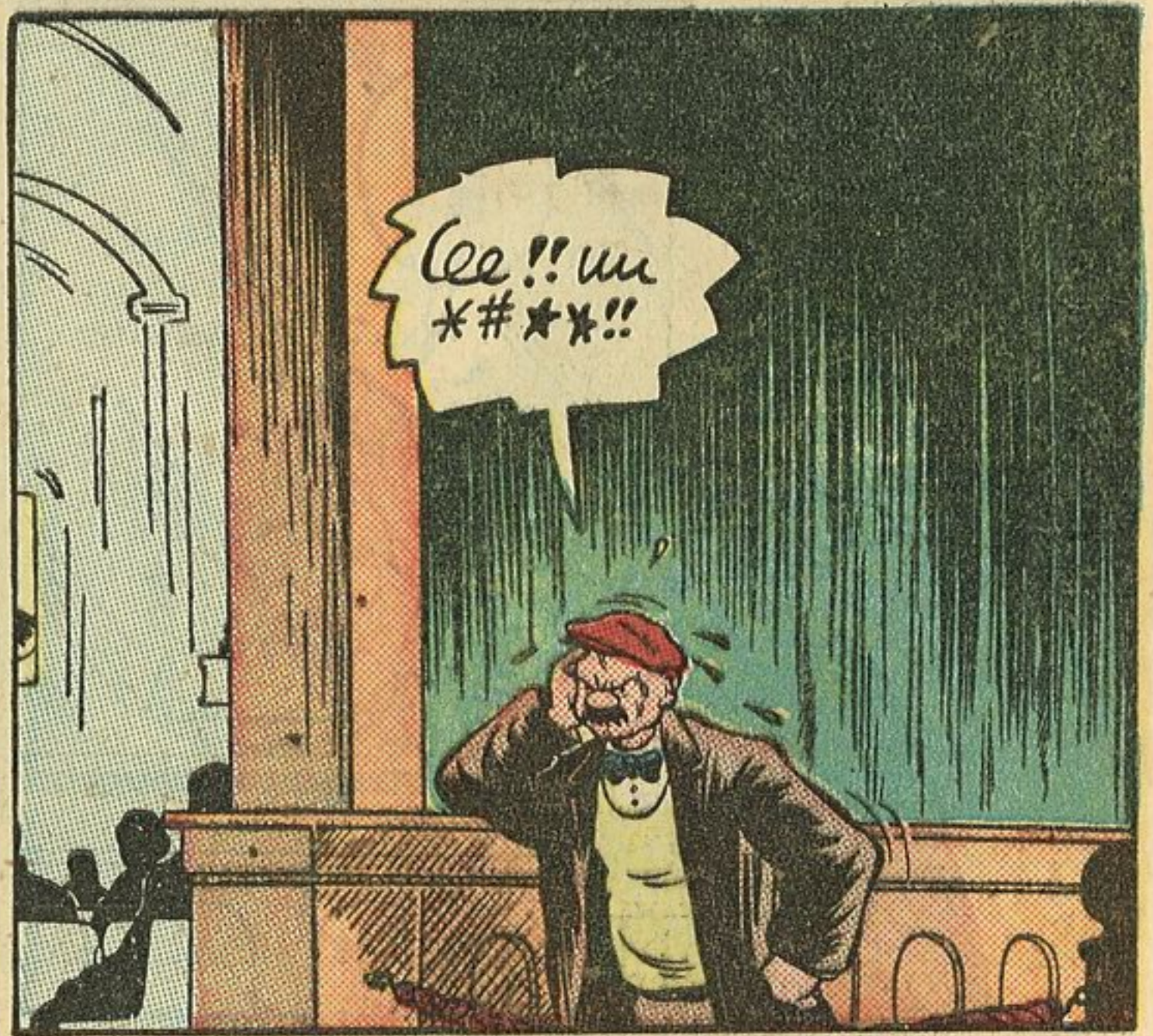
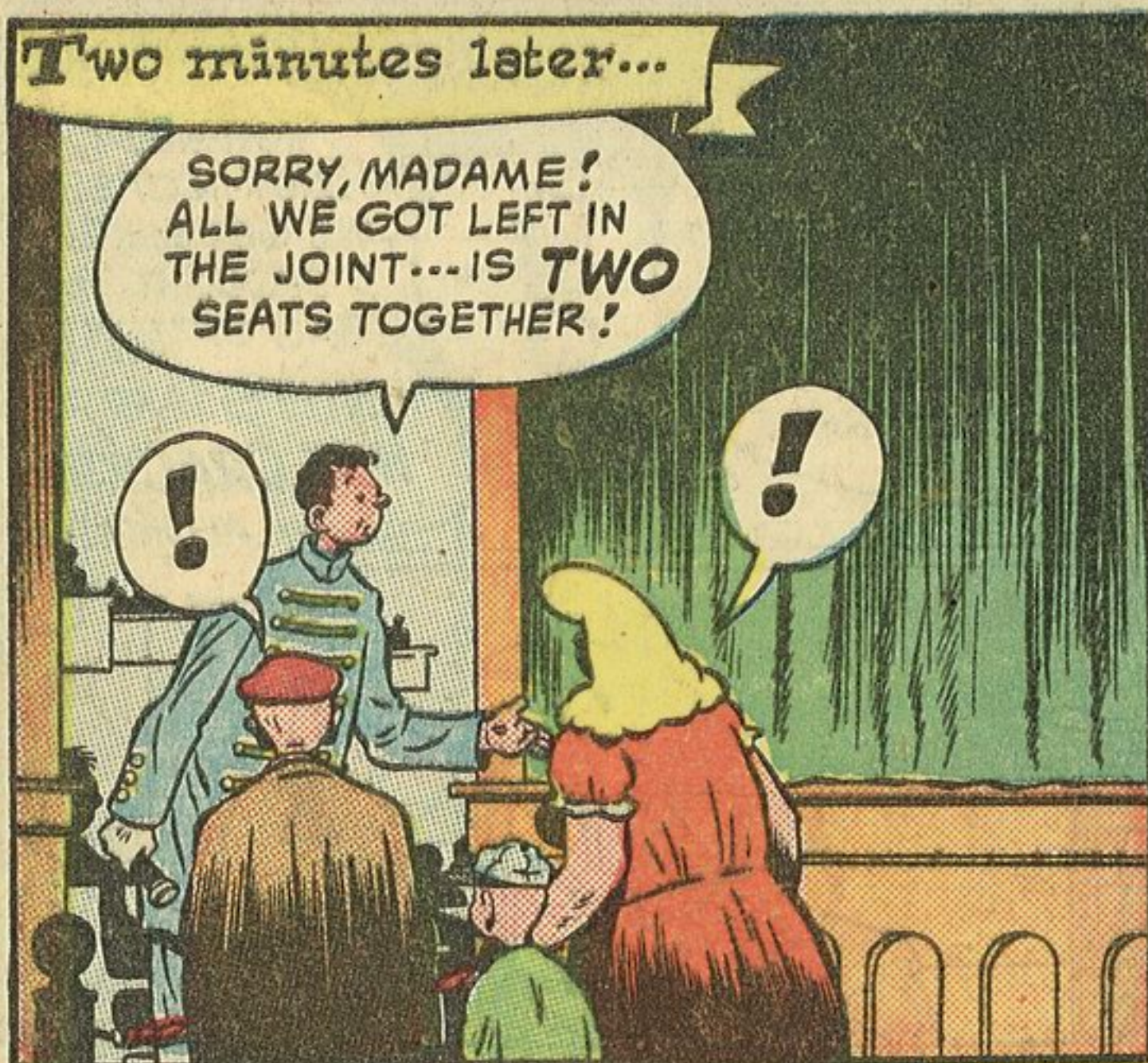
I WISH SHE'D BROUGHT POTATO CHIPS INSTEAD!



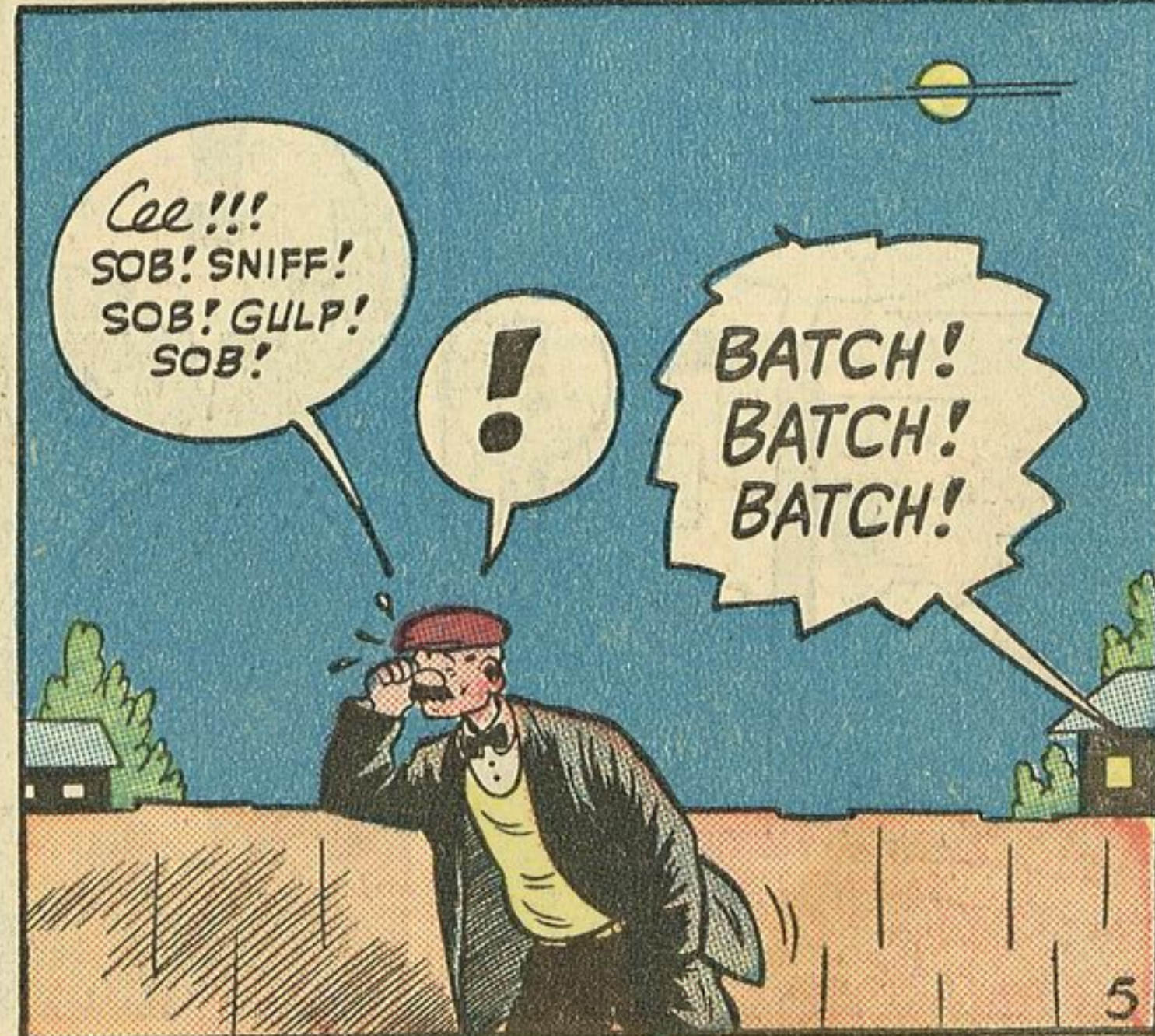
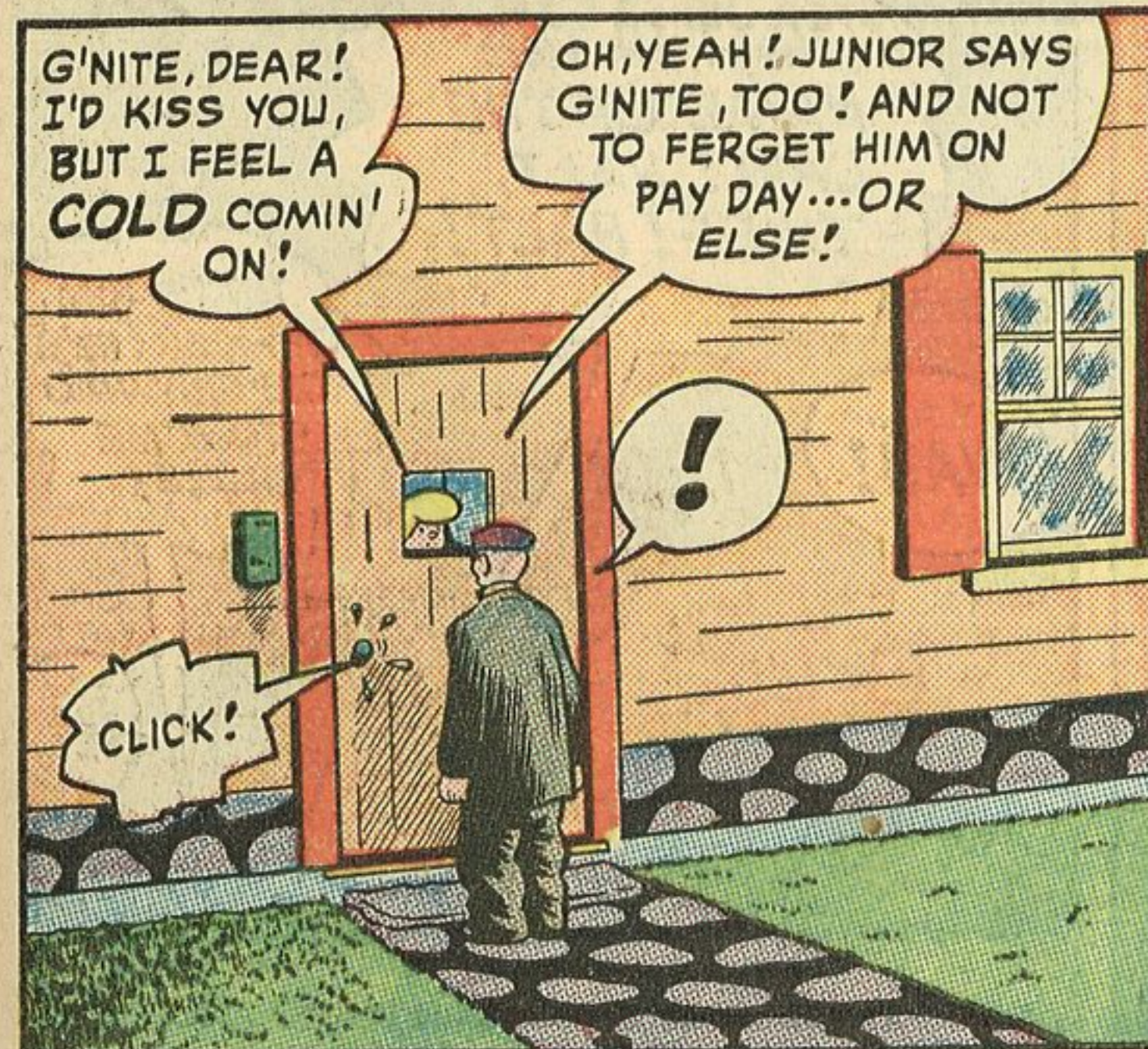
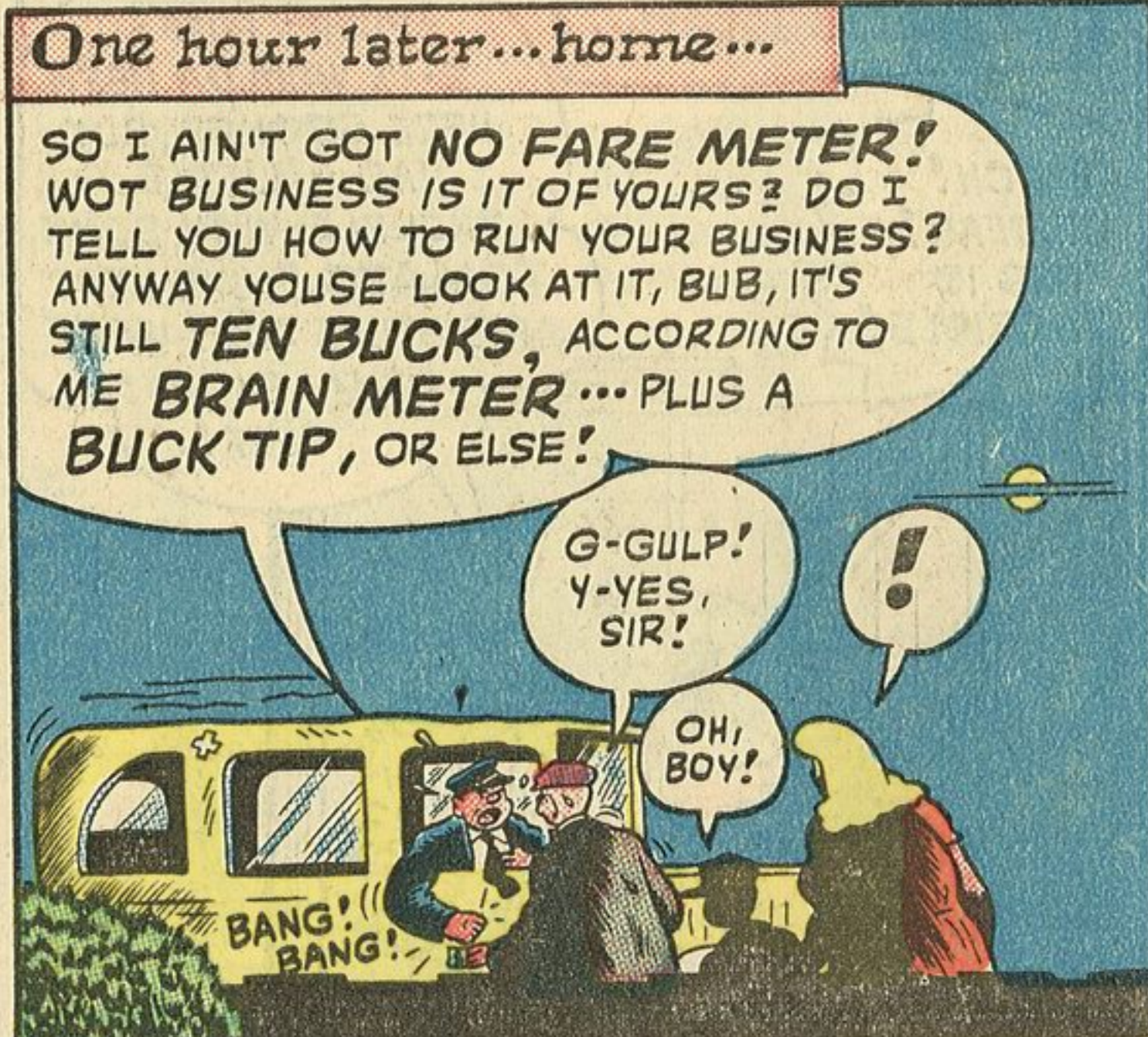
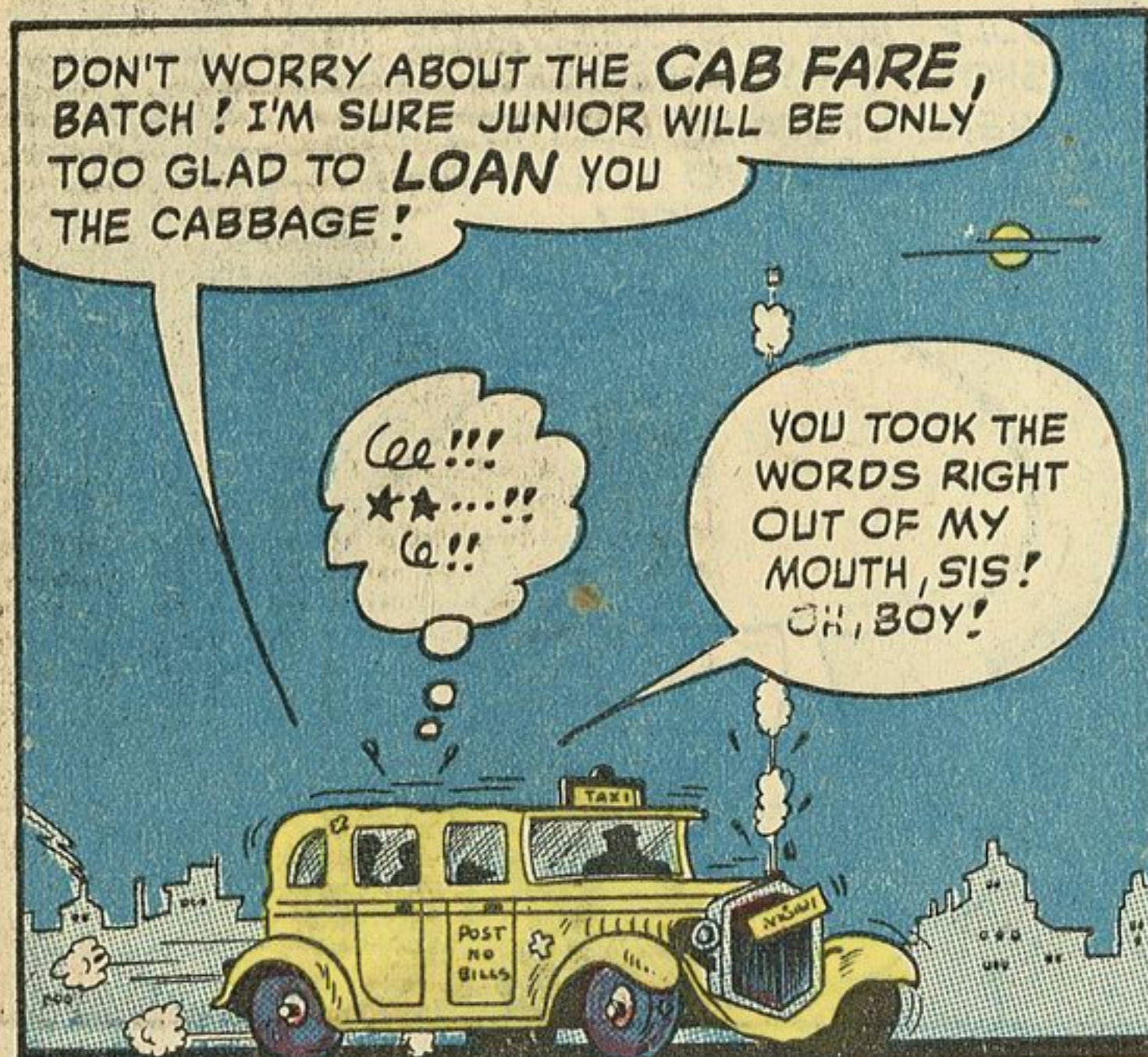
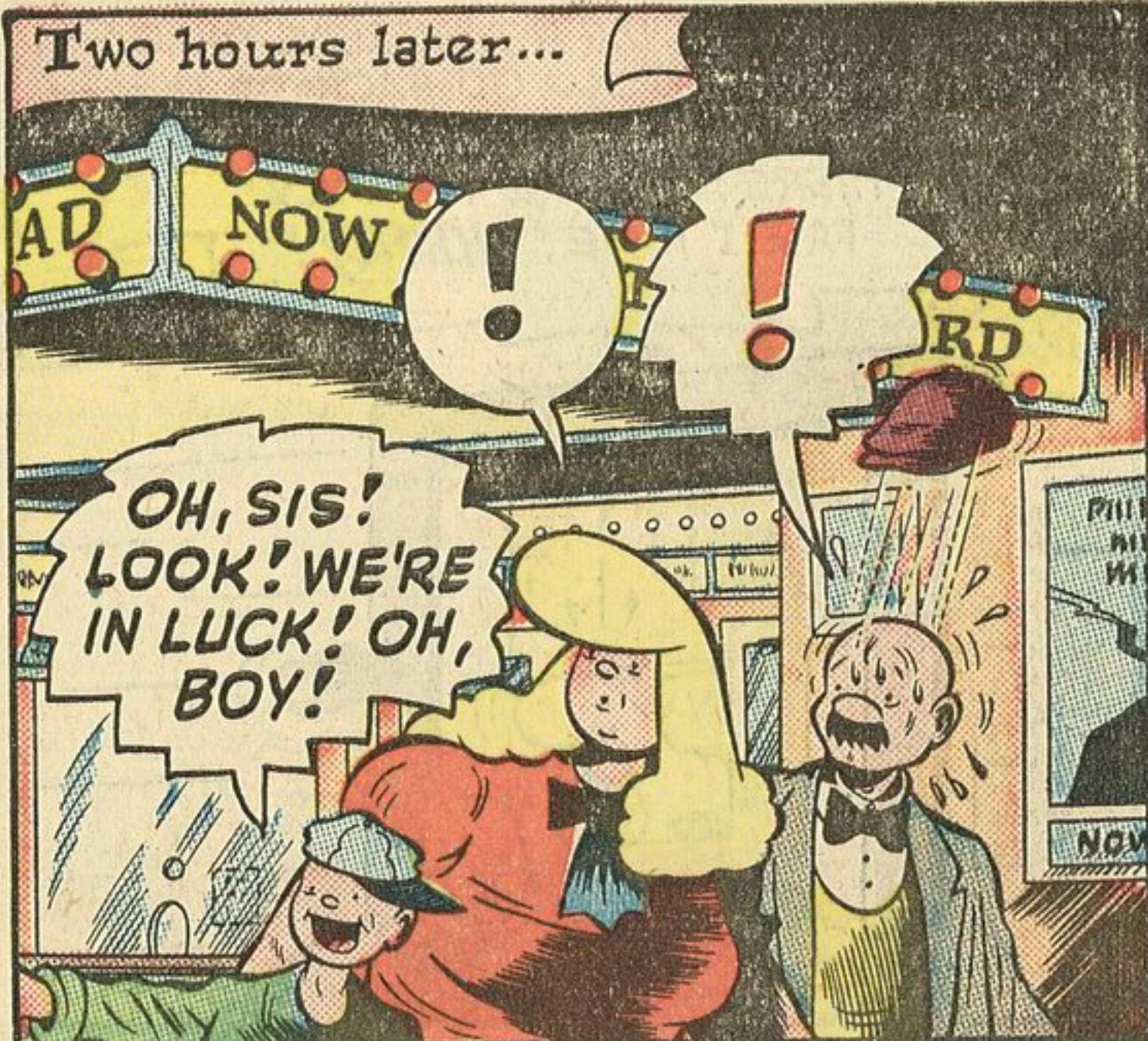
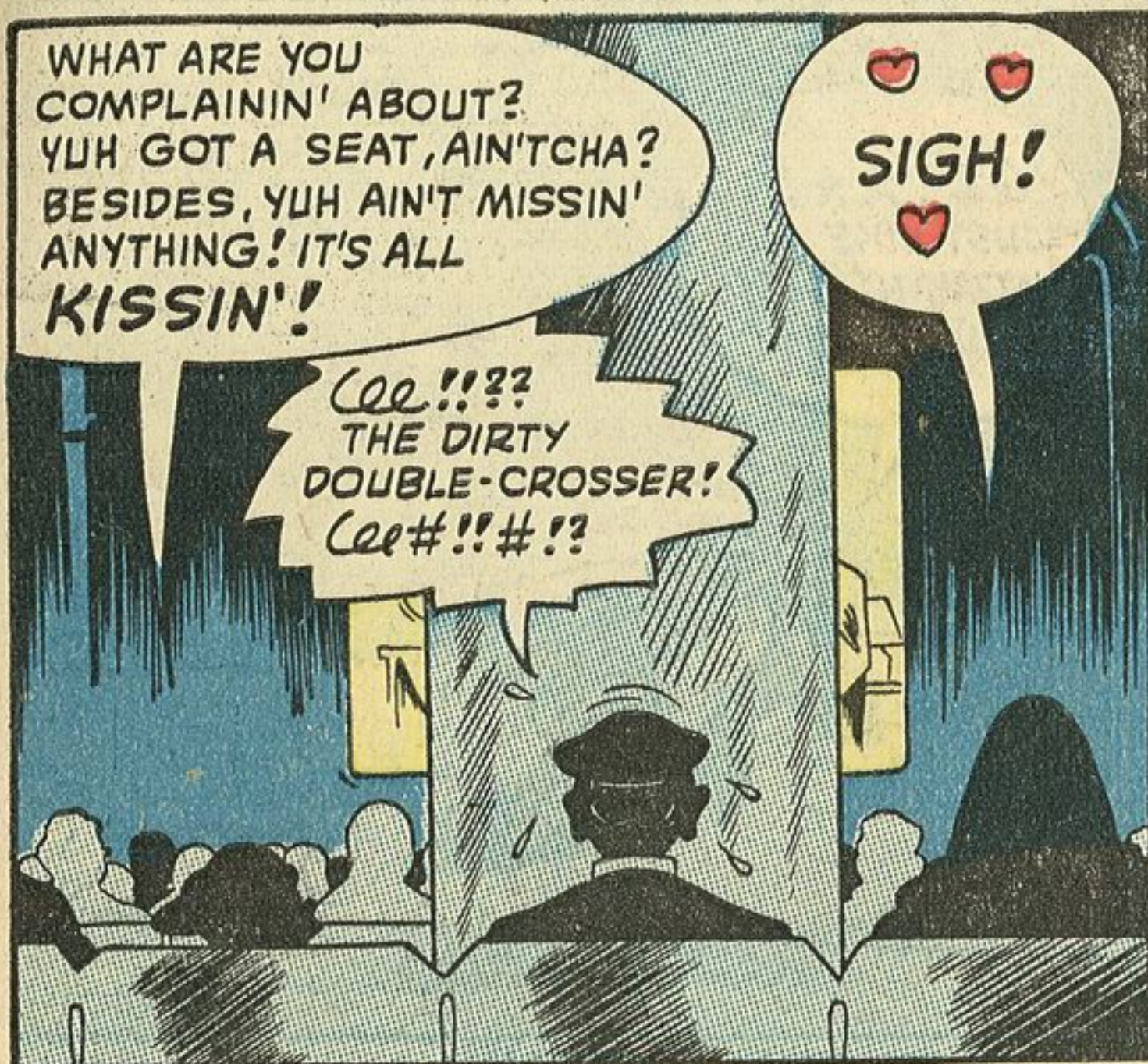
NOT SO FAST, POTATO NOSE!



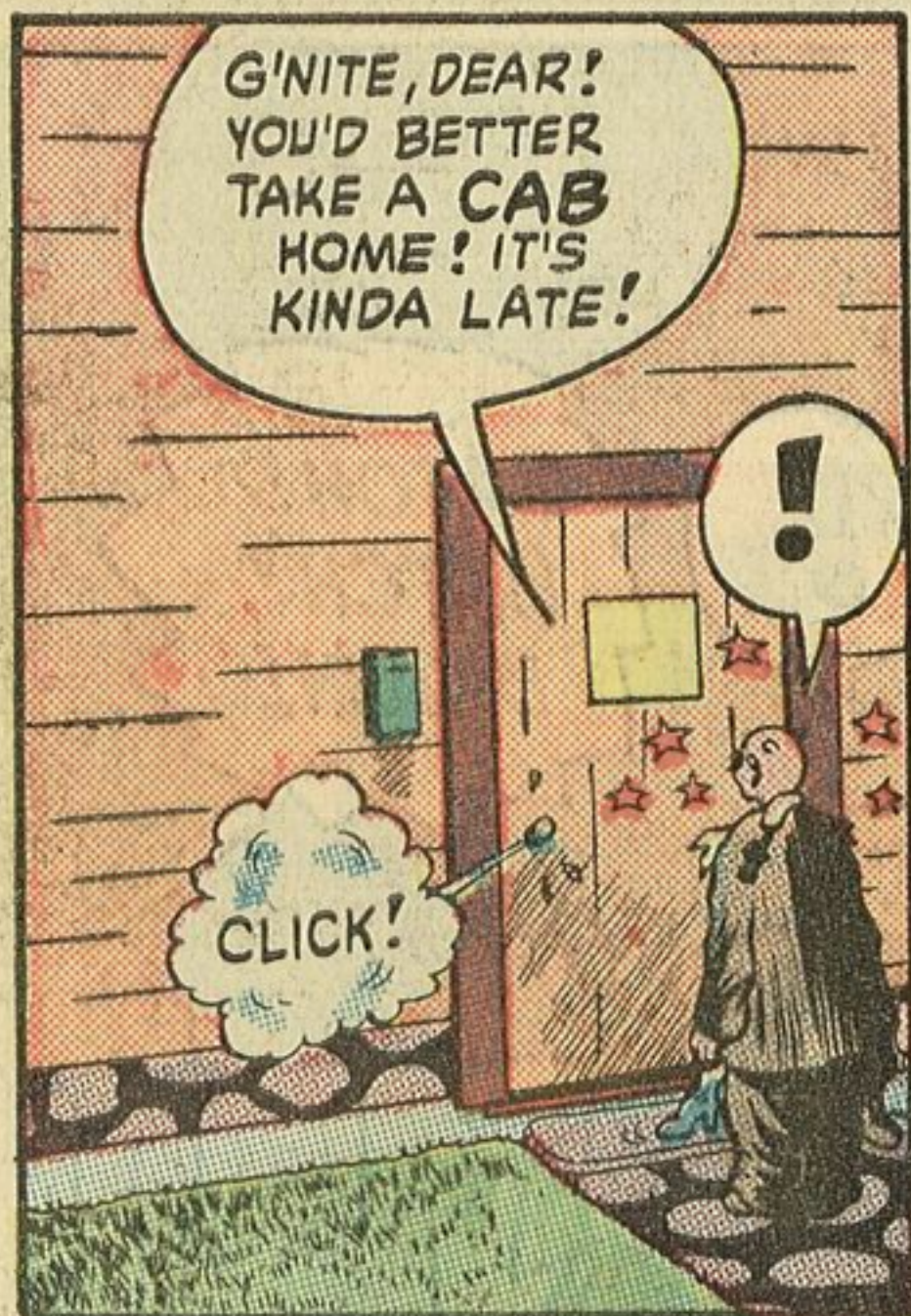
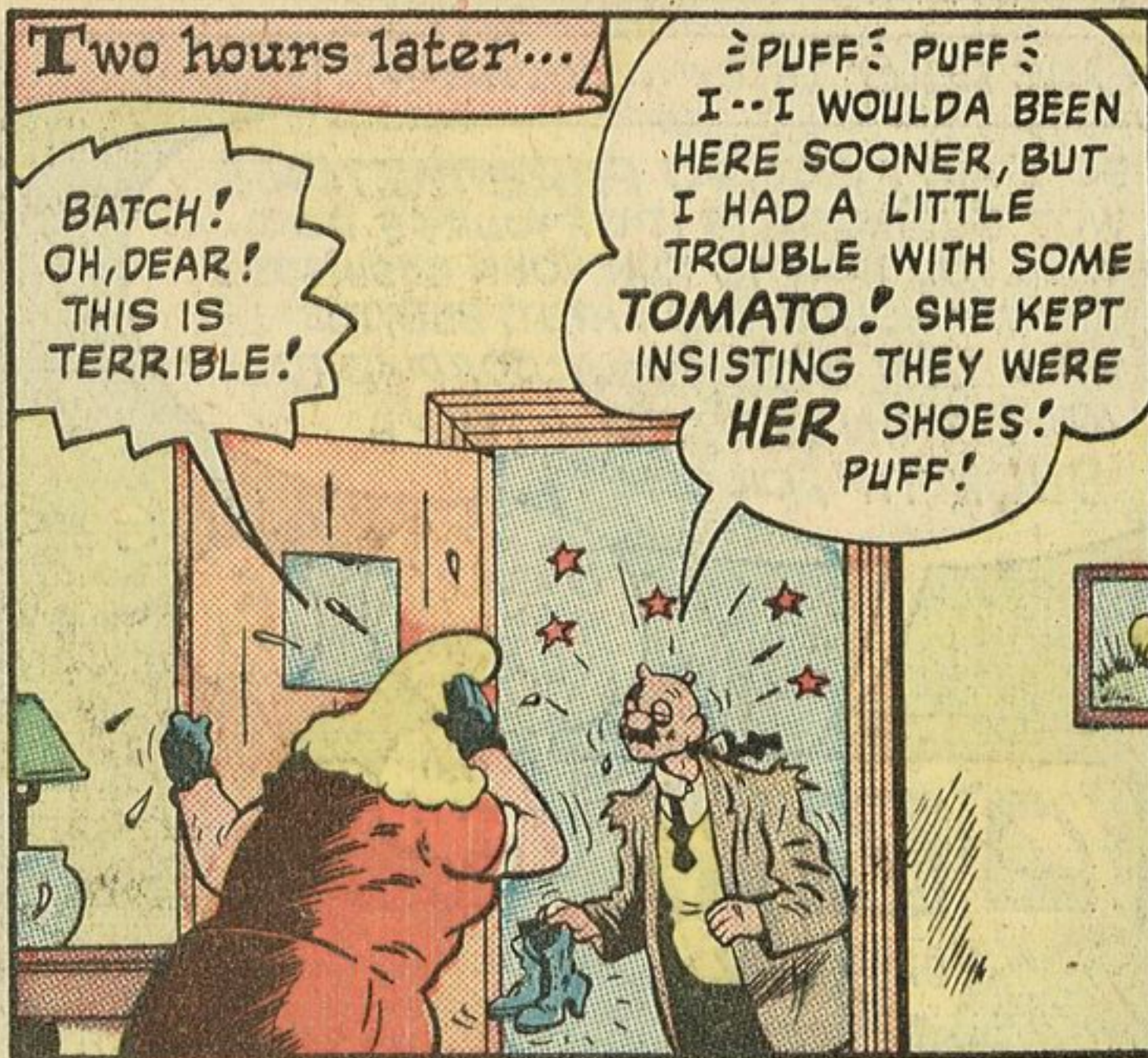
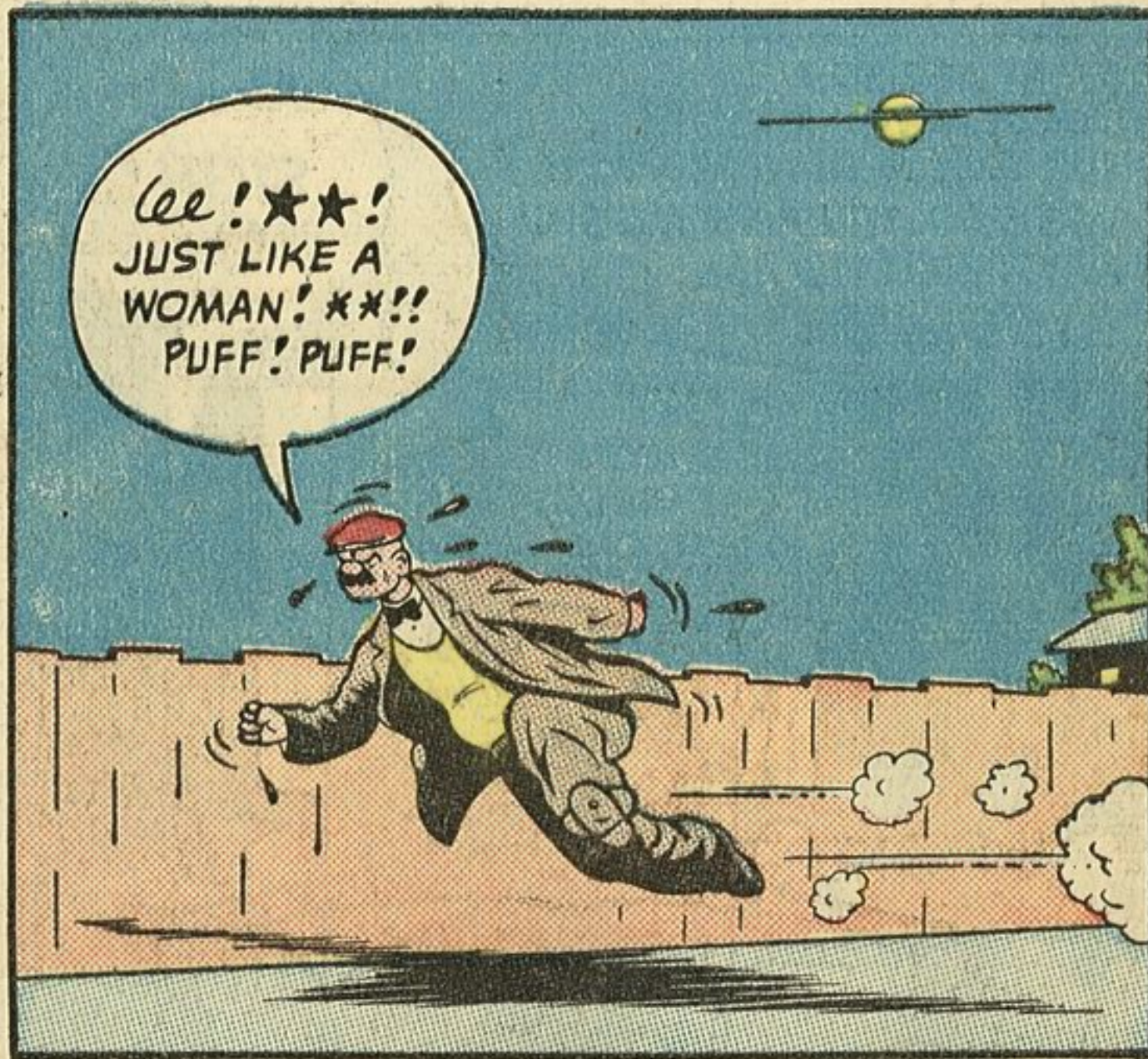






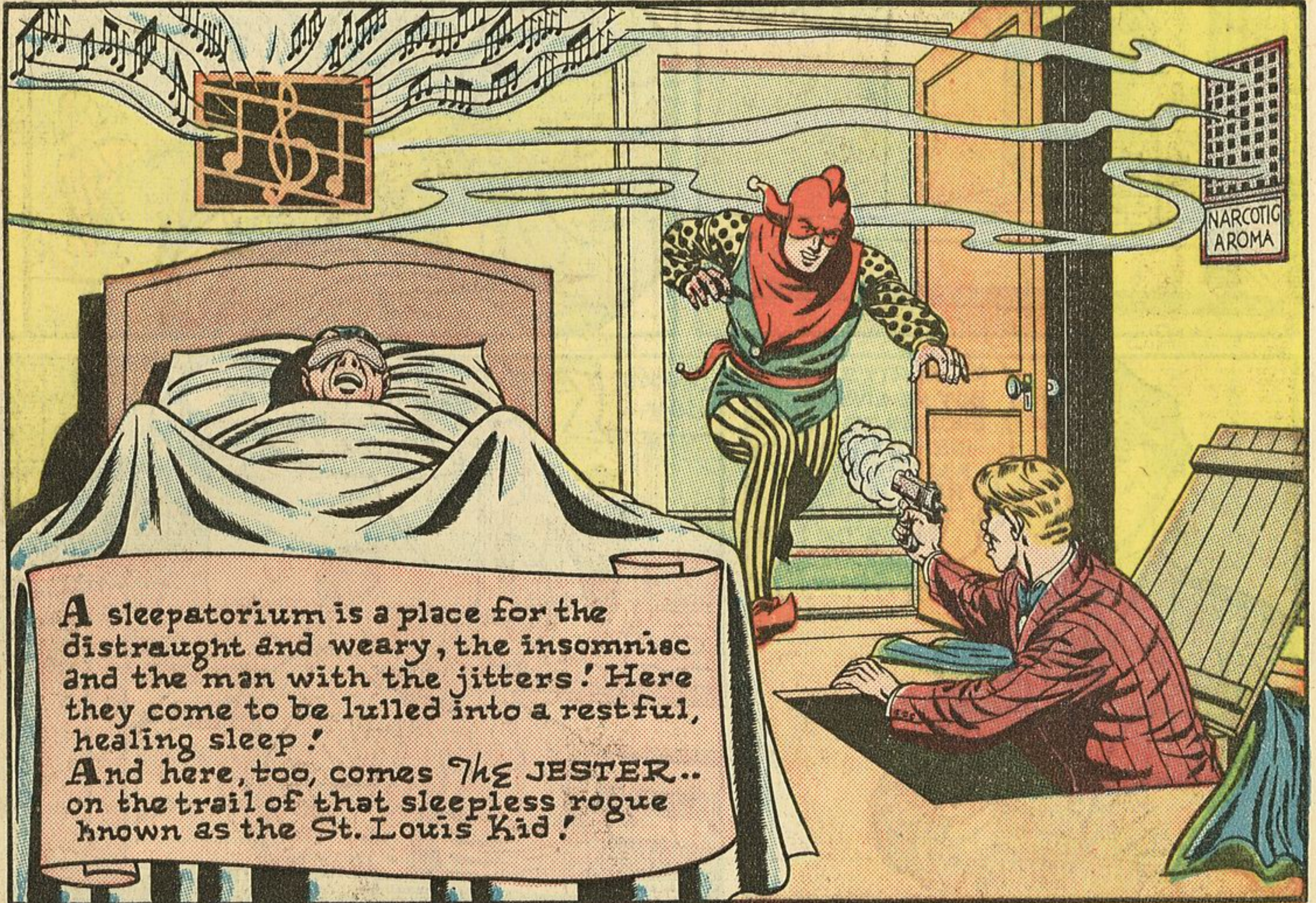








# The JESTER





On the adjoining beat, patrolman Chuck Lane hears the shot ----



IT'S RAFFERTY!  
HE'S BEEN SHOT!  
WHO DID IT,  
RAFFERTY?

IT WAS--THE  
--GASP!  
ST. LOUIS  
KID!

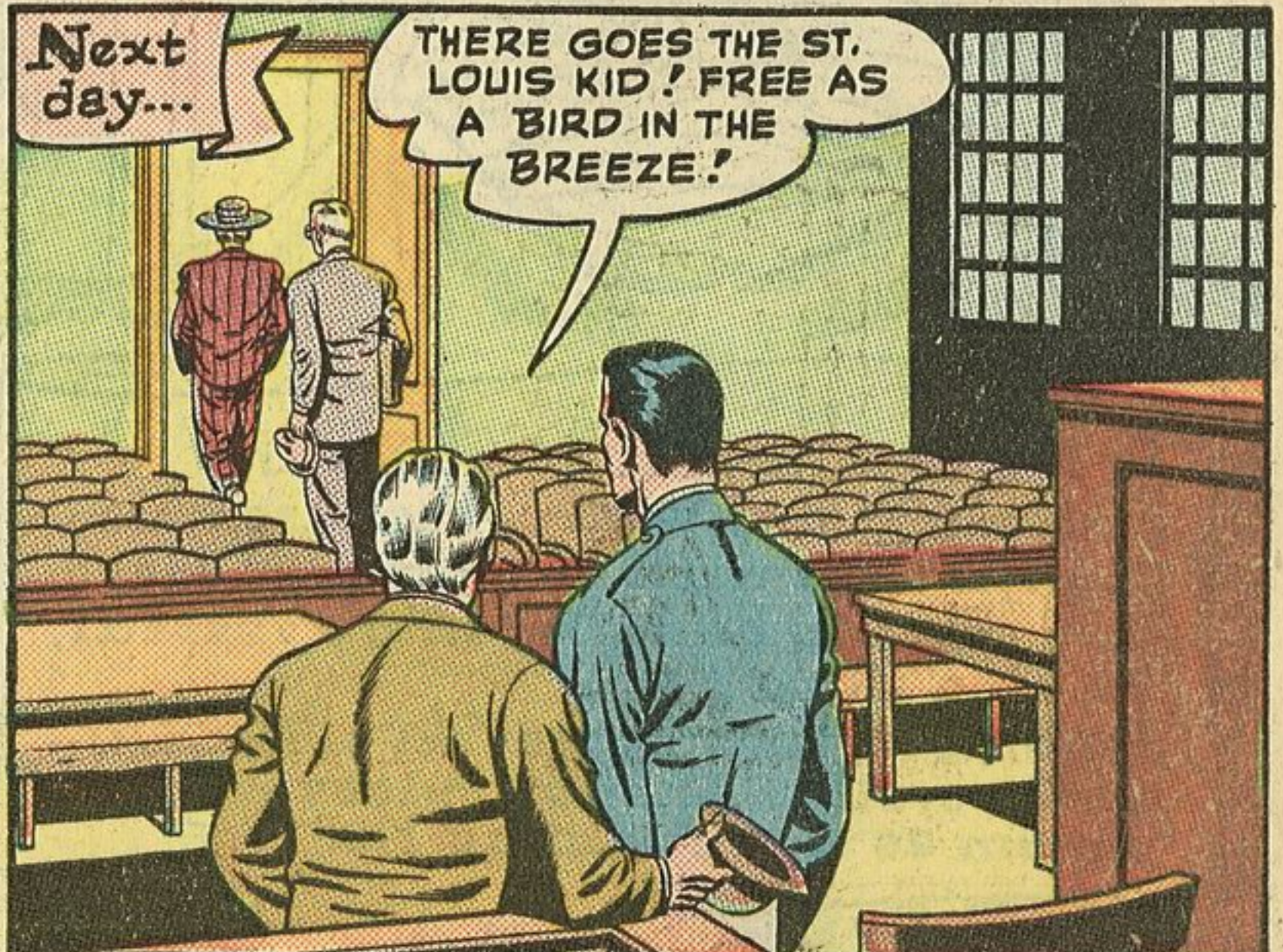


RAFFERTY'S DEAD,  
BUT HE LIVED LONG  
ENOUGH TO  
IDENTIFY HIS  
KILLER! I WON'T  
REST UNTIL THE  
ST. LOUIS KID  
WALKS THE LAST  
MILE TO THE  
CHAIR!



Next  
day...

THERE GOES THE ST.  
LOUIS KID! FREE AS  
A BIRD IN THE  
BREEZE!



AND IT'S ALL **YOUR** FAULT!  
YOUR CRAZY YARN ABOUT  
RAFFERTY IDENTIFYING HIS  
KILLER AS THE KID JUST  
BEFORE HE DIED!

BUT HE  
DID, MCGINTY!  
HONEST!



THEN HOW CAN YOU  
EXPLAIN AWAY THE  
KID'S ALIBI ABOUT  
HAVING BEEN IN THE  
SLEEPATORIUM ALL  
NIGHT? ESPECIALLY  
WHEN IT'S BACKED  
UP BY TWO MEMBERS  
OF OUR OWN  
POLICE DEPART-  
MENT!



TWO COPS WERE  
ASSIGNED TO SHADOW  
THE KID, AS A SUSPECT  
IN A PREVIOUS  
ROBBERY! THEY  
SAW HIM GO INTO THE  
SLEEPATORIUM AND  
HE DIDN'T COME  
OUT ALL NIGHT!

I-I KNOW,  
BUT I  
CAN'T  
EXPLAIN  
IT, MCGINTY!





BUT I'M SURE RAFFERTY WASN'T MISTAKEN! I'LL PAY THE SLEEPATORIUM A VISIT! MAYBE I'LL FIND THE ANSWER THERE!



Later, Chuck Lane visits the sleepatorium.....

NOBODY KNOWS I'M A COP! I'LL HAVE A FREE HAND TO LOOK AROUND!

GOOD NIGHT, SIR! PLEASANT DREAMS!



YOU ARE TIRED... SO TIRED! YOUR EYELIDS ARE GETTING HEAVY... HEAVY...

YAWN!



CAN'T AFFORD TO SLEEP! BETTER START MOVING AROUND BEFORE THIS BEGINS TO GET ME! OOPS! HUH? WHAT'S THIS?



A TRAP DOOR! IT LEADS DOWN TO THE CELLAR OF THE SLEEPATORIUM!



TIME FOR THE JESTER TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE!

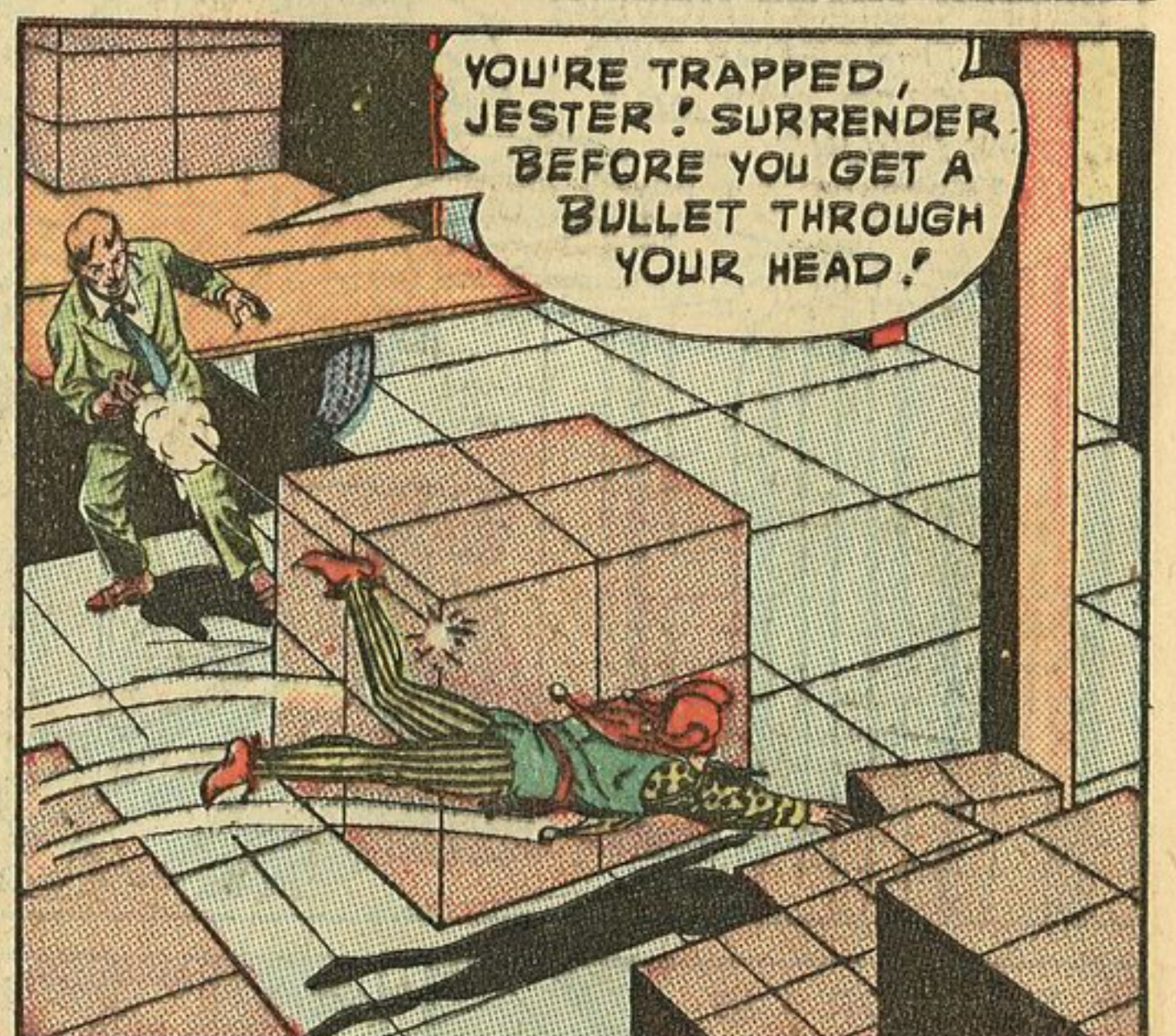
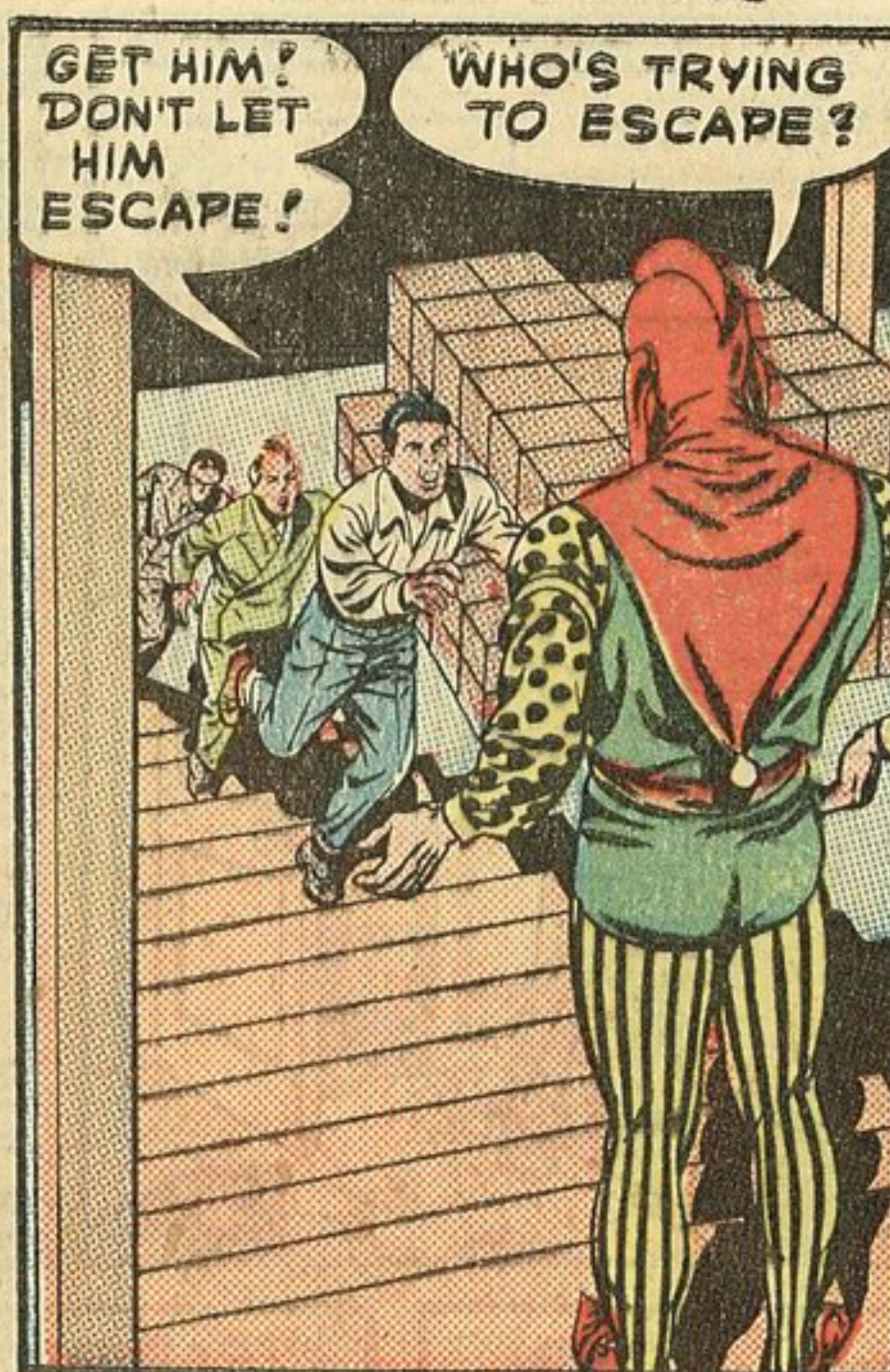


SO THAT'S IT! A HUGE WAREHOUSE FOR RECEIVING AND SHIPPING STOLEN GOODS! THE SLEEPATORIUM'S JUST A FRONT FOR IT!





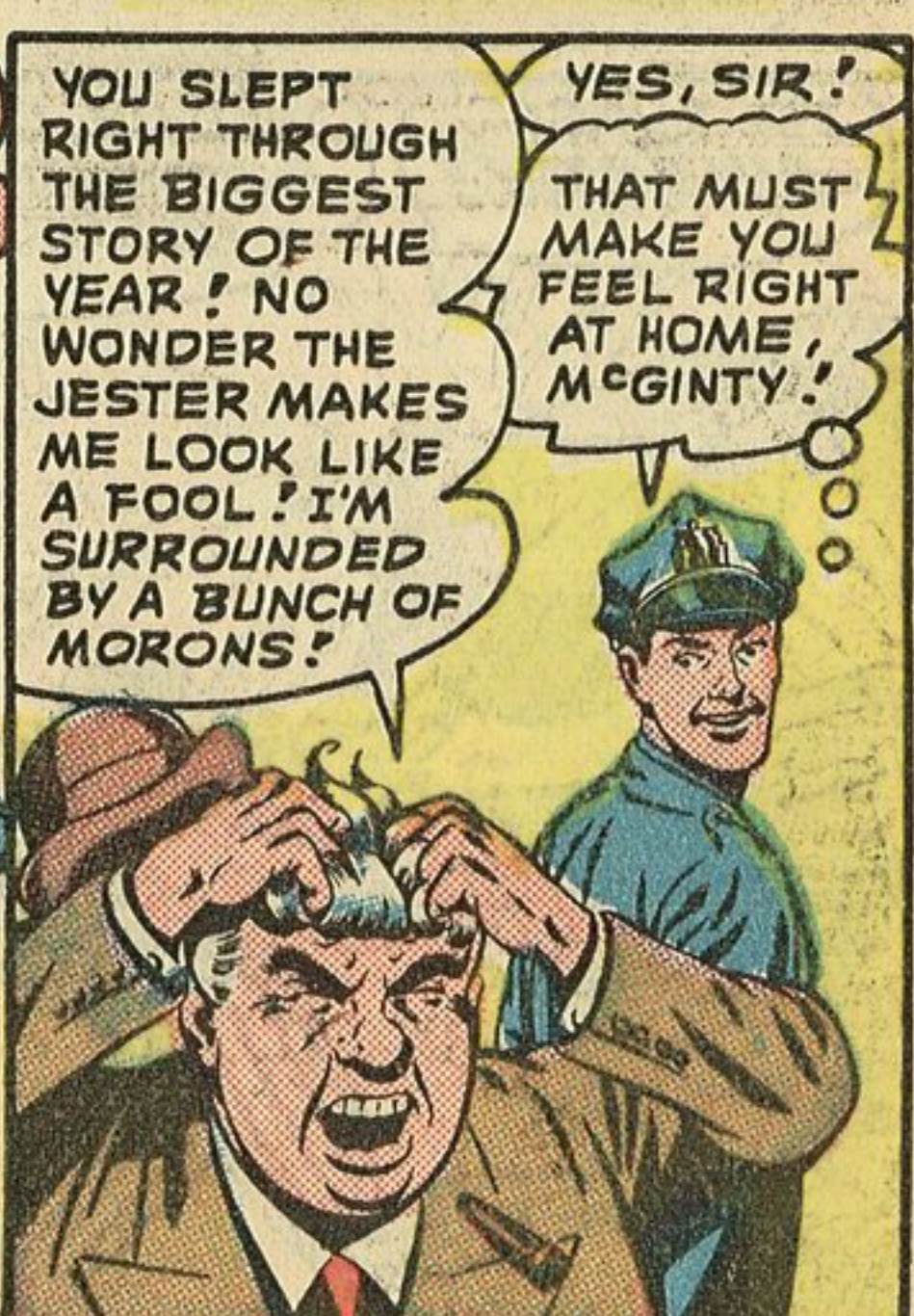
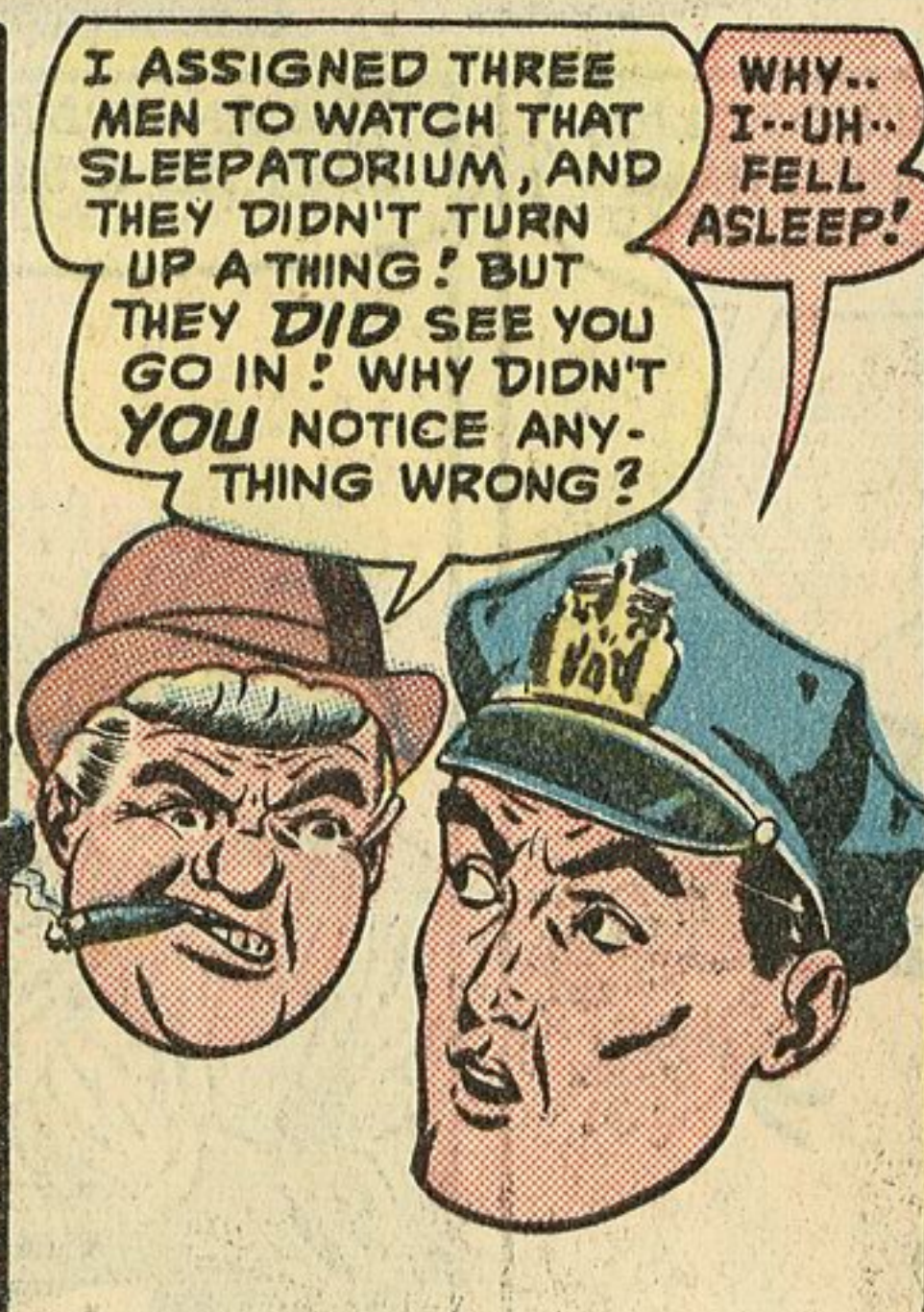
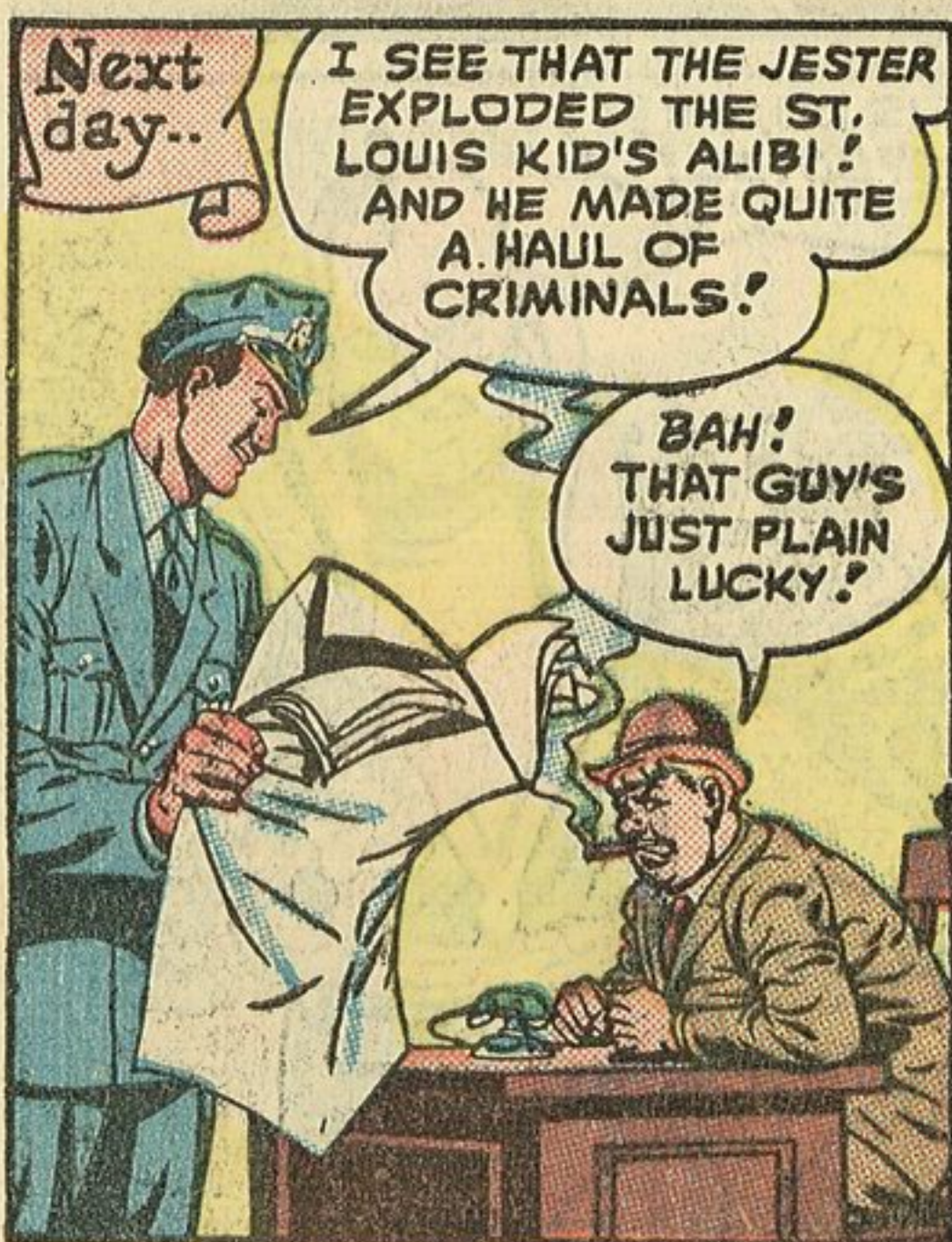
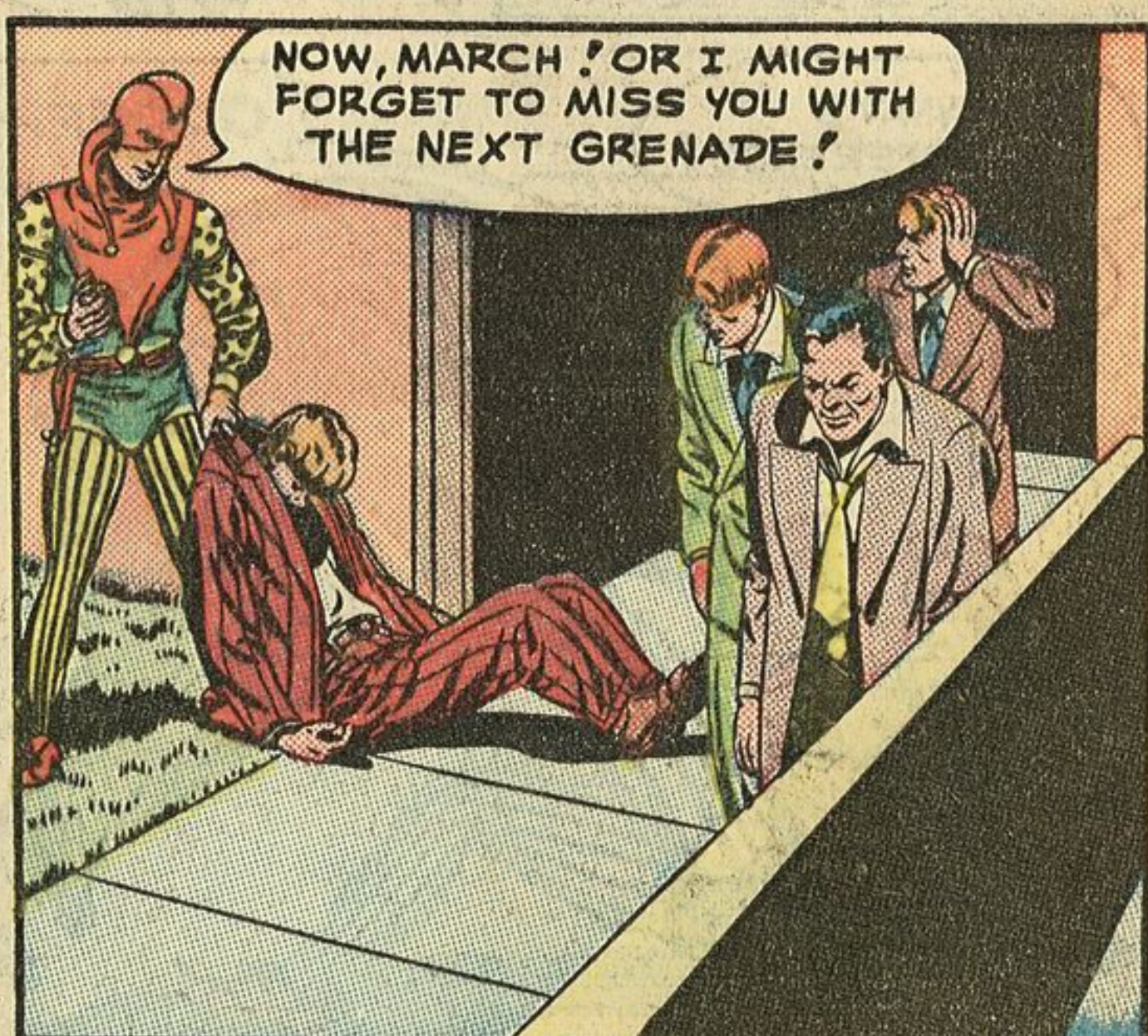
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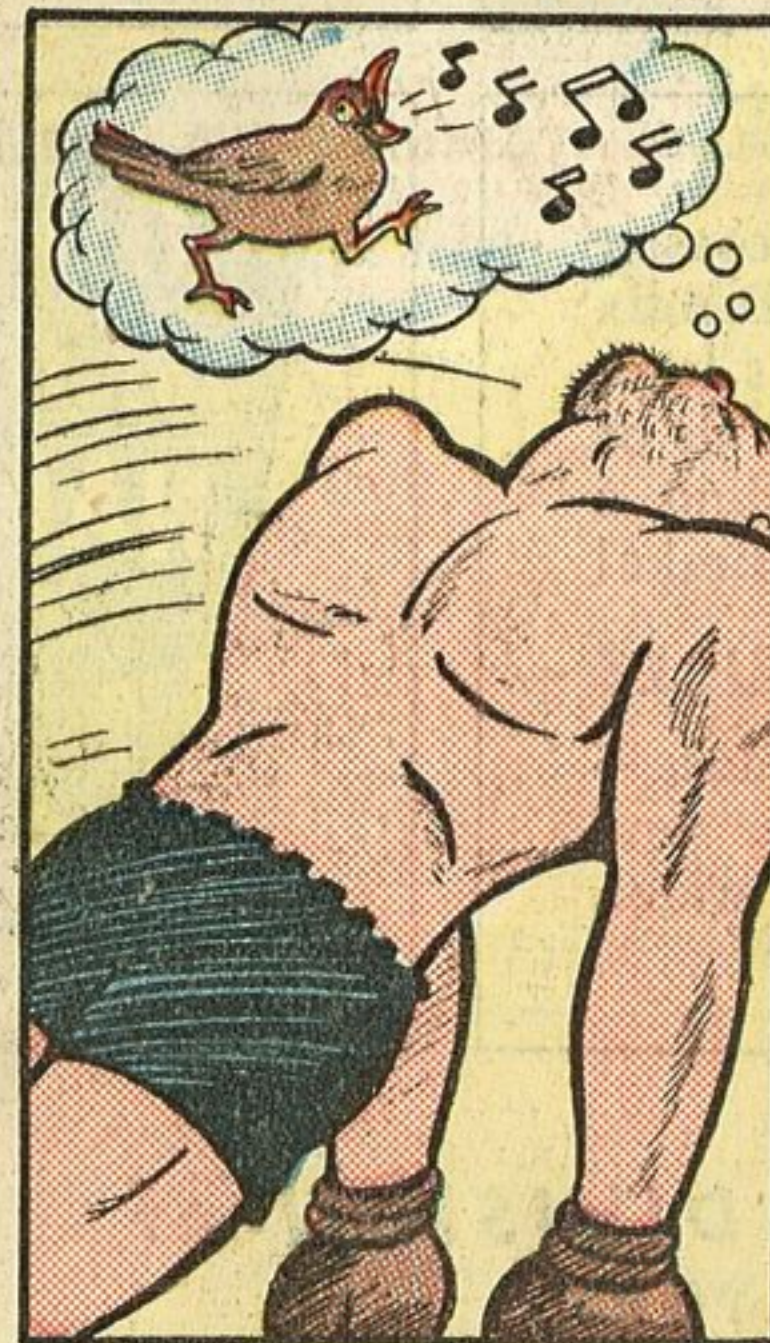














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HIS NEW BIKE!



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QUICKER!

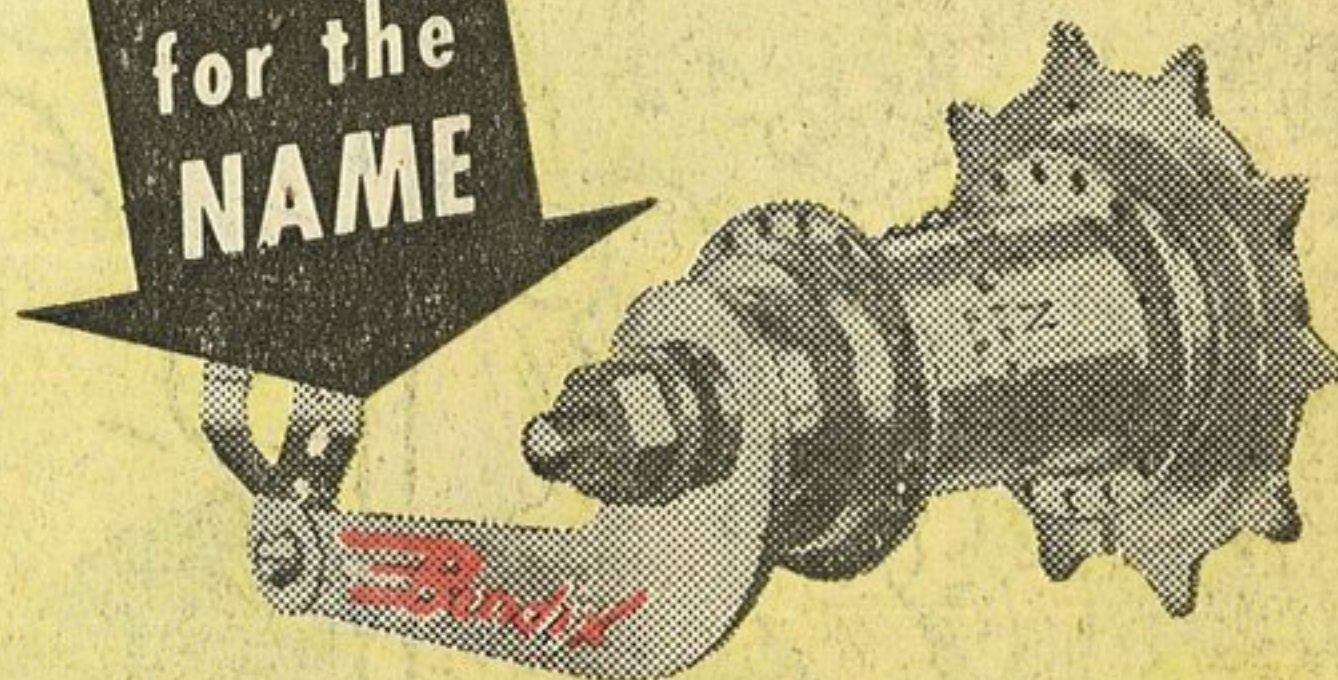


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THE RUSTLERS"



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SAY, ROYAL, WHO'S KICKING UP ALL THAT DUST DOWN THERE IN THE VALLEY?

RUSTLERS! AND THE POSSE'S NOT FAR BEHIND!



AND AS ROYAL WATCHES THE CHASE THROUGH HIS GLASSES, HE SEES...

GOOD! THE POSSE CAN'T FIGURE WHICH WAY WE WENT!

WELL, KEEP RIDIN'... WE AIN'T SAFE TILL WE GET THROUGH THE GORGE UP AHEAD...



FELLAS, YOU TWO BIKE DOWN AND TELL THE POSSE TO HEAD FOR THE GORGE...I'LL HAVE A NICE SURPRISE THERE WAITING FOR THEM!



NOW IF I CAN JUST GET TO THE TOP OF THAT GORGE BEFORE THOSE CATTLE-THIEVES GET TO THE BOTTOM!

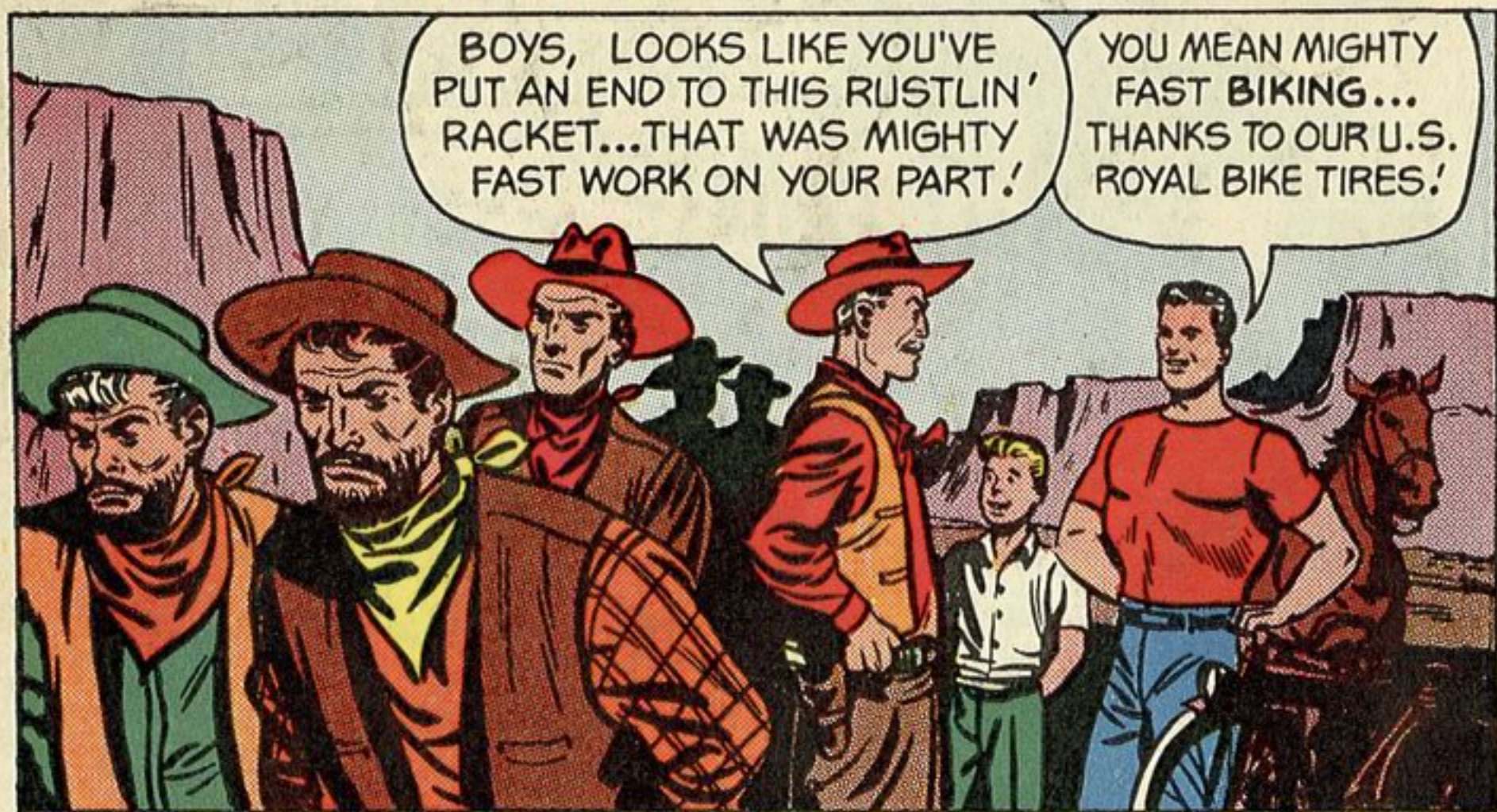


I MADE IT! THESE ROCKS WILL FORCE THEM TO TURN BACK...RIGHT INTO THE HANDS OF THE POSSE!



BOYS, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE PUT AN END TO THIS RUSTLIN' RACKET...THAT WAS MIGHTY FAST WORK ON YOUR PART!

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